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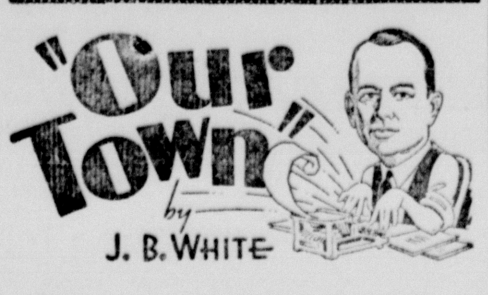

Reverence for Courage and Sacrifice finds expression out of the Heart of a grateful nation whose sons fight for the Liberty of all Peoples throughout the Earth.

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I am thinking now of those in distant places. Some near the birthplace of Revelation; some in Tropics long ruled by Pagans; some in the circle of the Northern Lights; others looking for the Star from their place on forgotten Islands; some in flight across a starlit sky with brave wings in the Heavens that throbbed with music as Shepherds below were plodding the Desert Sands. Then there are those whose memory we enshrine.

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If Christmas does nothing more than turn the wistful eyes and hearts of men from mad pursuits today, wherever Destiny finds them, plodding along the Camel Roads where the Wise Men rode that night when the Desert Star pointed the way to the Manger of Humility; on the Prairie or in Ships at Sea; in War's holocust that robs them of sanity; in Regions of Silence where the treasure of Eloquence is garnered; in the crowded places where the savagery of industrial conquest blinds them to the store house of Good Will from which we draw Life's greatest riches—it has forever made plain the way out to Romantic, if Portentous Adventure.

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If Life be a Journey then Christmas is the Road to Discovery. Its course leads to many stations and the most hopeful is Christmas. The Spirit descends upon us to save us from ourselves.

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The arresting simplicity of Christmas when all Men are become as Happy Children with the delight of laughter, through every age in which we have worshiped the Birth of Revelation, is the Miracle by which we recapture Imagination and Belief. It is the flowering anew of Childhood's simple Faith. The radiance of Innocence covers the Earth.

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If within us we have nurtured greed and become selfish; if disappointments have made our hearts heavy and too much work and worry have dulled the mentality, or if our ego, prompted by our yearnings, destroys our concern for others, it is but the instant of Time under the light of that Star which is Hope, that leads every man to the Cradle of his better self, so that faith in our kind is rekindled.

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Somewhere in the Heavens tonight a Star is shining brightly, renewing at Christmas, be it allegory or circumstance, the urge to follow as did the Wise Men who came out of strange lands beyond the Jordan. The grandeur of Heavens bursting with Melody fits well into the picture of the Legend, for after all what could express more forceful the Happiness of such Discovery. In the Miracle of Christmas Eve we may envision that wonder too, for the mystery and hopeful beauty of life is encompassed in a Manger and throbs like Music in the innocent eyes of a Baby.

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It is a time when all men find it sweet to abjure hearts hardened by the ill Philosophy of false Pagentry. Proud possessors of great wealth whom life has taught the wisdom of the grasping hand are today the gift bearers, bringing the frankincense and myrrh of fealty and laying them at the foot of the manger. It is a time when men of small import surge up with eager hearts to equal the Mighty of the Earth. The democracy of common Faith operates again. In the face of Happy Children we see with such re-assurance the beam of Hope, we know that come what may in the New Year when weary months stagnate our journey toward another Christmas, we shall come again remembering to the Cradle.

Human frailty will lay by much in store as it values the material. Life is an obstacle and has dissolution ments that are often too grievous to bear. Somewhere in the economy of the Great Philosophy is the Scepter of great Magic, the Lamp of Aladdin, a Christmas, potent as a Benediction. Smart sneer nor the arrogance of intellectual deception, have not been able to rob the World of the Majestic Moment of Star Light in the calm desert. Humanity's consolation is secure in the light of that Star which is Hope. Christmas lives because its message is "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

Shadow of War Only Melancholy Note In Song of Christmas

A light gleams brightly in the window of many a Cameron home tonight for it is Christmas again.

On the eve of the 1943 observance of Christmas it was easy to see that despite the war and its influence upon the homes, this will indeed be a happy Christmas.

The people generally have accepted the sacrifices laid upon them by the war; have left off buying for the very good reason that not much was available. With meager gifts the spirit more than makes up the absence of lavishness and so 1943 Christmas will be a war Christmas, the third since 1941 when our country was driven to battle.

Few homes here have escaped a contribution to the armed forces of the country. There is a Cameron boy tonight on every battlefield of the world. If he looks up from his place of sacrifice for the Star it would make all happy here if he knew the anxiety for his safety and return. The empty chair is the note of melancholy in the circle that is to know the Peace at Christmas time here on the home front. We are proud, very proud, he is strong and brave.

Many in the armed forces are returning for Christmas and the uniform is lending color to the throngs who exchange greetings on the eve of Christmas.

Christmas day falls on Saturday. Business houses will close and the city will be quiet. There will be gatherings among old friends and the day will be spent about as usual.

The city looks forward to the New Year with confident hope. We are heartened by victories and the continued good progress of our fighting men. The days ahead will be heavy with sacrifice but whatever the demand the people will meet it. There is much to remember from 1943. The New Year comes like an adventure and so we go forward with new hope.

NEW YEAR SHOULD BE ONE OF PROGRESS HERE

Cameron made progress in the year now closing, a survey here has disclosed.

The progress is represented by a series of advancements in civic and business circles. As one business man pointed out, progress may not always show on the surface. Things to come, for which plans are now being laid may disclose that 1944 was a good year for city expansion.

P. W. Davis, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was very modest in his estimate, but definitely feels that the chamber has done a number of worthwhile things.

While the work of the year has centered about war activities to a large extent there were some good developments in other phases of city life. It should be pointed out that things done like the successful operation of the community canning plant, are substantially helpful and good civic exercise.

Cameron enjoyed the nation's spotlight in her contributions to the war through purchase of Bonds. Especially was this true in the April issue when the county oversubscribed its quota by a larger margin than any other city in America. In consequence of this display of patriotic spirit the county was given a quota of more than 5 million dollars in the September War Loan which was the Third War Loan. Leaders here saw to it that the county made that quota.

War related activities centering about the Red Cross and USO have engaged the time of leaders here. Then there was the all important National War Chest Drive over with a substantial margin and Cameron raising more than two thirds of the

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First From Brazoria

CADET J. O. HUGHES

Cadet J. O. Hughes was the first man from Brazoria county to enlist in the navy. That was 3 years ago and now he has been given his wings as a naval flyer and is in Pensacola, Florida, in training for the big job ahead.

Cadet Hughes was recently in Cameron visiting in the home of his uncle, J. O. Hughes of Ad Hall, one of the best known Milam county residents. While here Cadet Hughes visited others for he is no stranger here. The family formerly lived here before moving to Brazoria county.

Cadet Hughes is named for his uncle J. O. Hughes of Ad Hall and needless to say that Mr. Hughes is proud of his nephew who will soon be a full pledged pilot of the Navy Air Corps.

GLASS THE FLORIST OPEN NEW SHOP HERE

Formal opening Sunday of the new Floral shop of Glass, the Florist was an event of interest to many over the state as well as locally.

Central Texas was well represented among those who visited the new home during the hours from 4 to 6 p. m.

Friends had sent many lovely flowers to congratunlate them on their achievement. The new floral shop, fashioned from the home of the late Dr. M. C. Sapp was resplendent in color as guests began arriving for the opening.

Several hundred names were noted in a register conveniently placed for signatures. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Glass were hosts to a few friends at a dinner.

Leonard Blaylock is Admited to Supreme Court Bar December 13

Leonard Blaylock became a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States at noon Monday, December 13th, 1943.

He was introduced to the Court and sponsored by the Honorable Charles Fahy, Solicitor General of the United States, who made the oral motion before the Supreme Court that Blaylock be admitted for practice before that Court, which motion was granted by Chief Justice Harlan Stone. Mr. Blaylock was sworn in as a member of that Bar in open court by the Clerk.

His wife, the former Marjorie Adams of Waco was in attendance at the presentation.

Mr. Blaylock became a member of the Texas Bar in 1940, having received his Bachelor of Law degree from Baylor University in June 1940. He has been a special agent of the FBI for more than three years.

Hal Tyson of Houston returned home Wednesday after a weeks visit with his daughter Mrs. Harvey Radtke and his sister, Mrs. Clarence Raymond of Maysfield.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Killed In Action

LIEUT. WILMA T. CALDWELL

LIEUT. W. T. CALDWELL WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Lt. Wilma T. Caldwell, Jr., Army Air Corps, was killed in action it has been disclosed in a letter from General J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General of the army.

The letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Wilma T. Caldwell, Sr., of Cameron, telling of their son's death. Lt. Caldwell was a combat pilot and flew the B-26 Marauder, world's fastest bomber. His plane was shot down on August 22, 1943.

Here is the letter from General Ulio:

12 October, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilma T. Caldwell, Sr.,
506 West 6th Street,
Cameron, Texas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell:

It is with profound regret that I must confirm the telegram of recent date in which you were informed of the death of your son, Second Lt. Wilma T. Caldwell, Jr., 0-521569, Air Corps, who has been previously reported missing in action since 22 August, 1943, in the European Area.

Information has now been received from the German Government through the International Red Cross stating that he died 22 August 1943. This would indicate that he was killed in action, and it has been so recorded on the records of the War Department. If any further details are received, you will be advised promptly.

I realize the burden of anxiety that has been yours since he was first

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In The Aleutians

T/CPL. ROLAND BOEDEKER

T/Cpl. Roland Boedeker is with the Alaskan Defense Command somewhere in the Aleutian Islands, where he has served since July 1942.

Cpl. Boedeker was inducted into service in October 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Roberts California. From there he was sent to Camp Seeley in the Imperial Valley, where he spent many days in intensive training.

Cpl. Boedeker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boedeker of Cameron. He was home on furlough last January to spend a few days with his parents in their beautiful new country home just north of Cameron.

Cpl. Boedeker was born and reared here and graduated at Yoe High School in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown of Rosebud have moved to their new home in Maysfield. They were business visitors in Cameron Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elba Pemberton and family of Temple are in Cameron visiting relatives and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Varner Will Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 26 At Home in Gause; Open House From 2 to 7 p. m.

An event of interest to many throughout the state will be the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Varner of Gause on Sunday, December 26, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Varner will celebrate the occasion with open house from 2 to 7 p. m. and friends everywhere are invited.

Among the plans for the observance is the attendance of those who were members of the wedding party 50 years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Varner were married. Among those will be Mrs. B. J. Baskin of Cameron, the former Miss Sue Dollar of Gause. It was not known whether all members of the wedding party are now living.

The Varner home in Gause will hold many delightful moments next Sunday for the friends of 50 years and more. Many from Cameron and over the county and state plan to attend during the open house hours and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Varner on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

For many years Mr. Varner has been a leading business man in that section of the county.

A complete account of the celebration with photos of Mr. and Mrs. Varner will appear in next week's issue of The Herald.

We Are Grateful

The Publishers are grateful to business men for their co-operation in the publication of this annual Christmas edition of The Herald. This copy, 64 pages in 8 sections, is filled with advertising, business firms expressing to their friends appreciation and thanks for the many favors in 1943. No attempt was made in this issue to monopolize the columns. It is an edition in which you express your thanks, and we wish to thank, YOU!

THE PUBLISHERS.

REDS PUSHING FAST IN VAST NEW DRIVE

The American 5th Army under Gen. Mark W. Clark is within 6 miles of Cassino, vital German stronghold in Italy.

Fighting has been severe, the Germans putting up stiff resistance all along the front in Italy. The Allies have made progress but at great cost.

French units are now fighting with the 5th army, having been trained and equipped under General Giraud in North Africa.

The British 8th army under Gen. Montgomery held up by strong German armies on the Adriatic coast of Italy, had scored success over night and was making some important advances.

Air power massed in the fight was brought into play Wednesday. The vicinity of Rome was heavily blasted. Rail and communication lines were destroyed. The Allies lost one bomber.

There was no slowing up of the Red advance in the Norvel sector. The Russians continuted to advance rapidly, taking town after town.

A report from the Pacific theatre said that supplies of all kinds are pouring into the Solomons. It was thus indicated that complete American control of the islands is in sight. General Douglas MacArthur has had to fight with scant equipment but indications are that the tide is turning rapidly.

The air war over Europe, reaching a new high Tuesday cost the Allies 90 planes in 3 days. Wednesday Medium bombers in England went over the Channel into France to blast German concentration centers.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 23, 1783—General Washington resigns commission as Commander-in-Chief of Army.

Bill Newton who is going to Naval school in California is expected home for the Christmas holidays.

Machinist Mate

ALVIN G. PLACHY

Alvin G. Plachy entered the service of the United States Navy Seabees on April 27, 1943, and immediately was made Machinist Mate Second Class due to his past experience acknowledged during his previous employment in a Dallas war plant.

Plachy took his boot and advance training in Camp Perry, Va., and on August 16, he was sent to Gulfport, Miss., where he received two months of technical training and then he was transferred to California and from there he was sent somewhere in the South Pacific.

Plachy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Plachy of Cameron and graduated from Yoe High School in 1939. He also has a brother, Sgt. Frank Plachy, Jr., in the army air corps stationed in Pueblo, Colorado, who is now an Engineer gunner.

Exhibits Trophies of Gaudalcanal Fighting Including Native Club

A Japanese rifle and a native war club are among the souvenirs that Hershel B. Monroe of San Antonio, with the Seabees, brought back after 15 months on Guadalcanal.

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"MY SON FLIES"

I thought I was wise . . .
I thought I was kind . . . I thought I knew best . . .

And I guess I was afraid because . . I'm no different from any other mother . . . except, my son is all I have. . .

And so, I thought someday I'd have to say "no."

When he was three, he brought me the thing he prized most—a feather from a hawk's wing.

When he was ten, his room was littered with bamboo and balsa wood and model air planes that flew, with names like "May" or "Alice" or "Just You."

When he was seventeen, on graduation day, he put the medal in my hand he'd won for leadership—the one engraved "Honor in Everything" and on top of it he dropped a dusty feather from a hawk's wing—and when at last I raised my eyes to his, he said, "Mom, I've got to fly."

And then—I knew it wasn't flying that I feared but the cutting of invisible strings that hold a mother to her son—the doubt that once gone he would ever be my little boy again.

And I looked at him as I never had before, and I could tell by the lift of his head and the words he said that he wasn't a boy anymore, but a man. And knew that of all the things he'd always wanted, what he wanted most was wings. And I saw that he was part of a new world coming . . . new men, new pioneers who would fight and win and build careers on new frontiers of air.

And I put my hands on his shoulders and said: "I'm proud my son was born to fly . . ."

I'm proud the man I bore is strong and straight and fine enough to fly with the Army Air Forces."

In a letter recently received by L. B. McCullen, Machinist Mate First Class, Weldon Neeley, states that they are all o. k. and is looking forward to being home real soon. This is the first time Neeley has been heard from since the 28th of September. All of his friends will be glad to know that he is well and safe

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Don Fisher of Hanover were Cameron visitors this week.

Mead Miller, with the Liquor Contral Board, Temple was a business visitor in Cameron on Monday.

In Cameron its always the Herald.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Green & Boedeker

"Apples, Oranges, Nuts!"

HOLIDAY SEASON

May this New Year's bear a photographic likeness to the one of your heart's desire, and may 1944 be an album of 366 very happy days. This, friends and patrons, is our New Year's wish for you.

Elmo Vaughn
CAMERON

Fred Lazek, Sr.
Phone 83. Cameron.

Rooster Still Crows On Central War Time

GRESHAM, ORE.—A rooster brought to Oregon from Clarinda, Iowa, persists in operating on central war time and wakes the Emery Peterson family at 2 a. m.

"I don't know what to do with him," said Peterson. "These winter mornings look about the same at 2 o'clock as at 4 and he still thinks he's in Iowa."

Battled Its Own Shadow 10 Minutes

Story From South Pacific Fleet Is Odd Tale.

WITH U. S. FLEET IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. — This was the Battle of the Shadow. Now that I've caught my breath and quieted my shaking knees, it can be told.

On a moonless night recently in this South Pacific war I accompanied one of our ships on a bombardment mission into Japanese waters north of Guadalcanal. The communiques recorded only half of what happened that night, because during the second phase of the mission—the withdrawal—one of the war's strangest things happened.

For 10 frightful minutes we battled our own shadow as we ran at high speed through a Japanese-controlled group of islands.

It wasn't a real battle, of course. But to every last man in our crew, ready to fight at the drop of a hat and expecting anything from the Japanese. It was as actual as the warm sea swirling and slapping about the ship.

I don't intend to ridicule. I saw the phantom warship myself. Funny as it may seem, it wasn't so comical at that moment when the warships—the real and its shadow—locked in deathly combat.

We had made our firing run close to shore against Japanese ground installations and swung away in a sharp 90-degree turn. Great black clouds spread brokenly across the sky, and heat lightning flashed in jagged streaks every few seconds. Our ship was frequently silhouetted as it knifed along. We watched cautiously for opposition.

British Admiral Foresees U-Boat Peril Solution

PURLEY, SURREY, ENGLAND.—Vice Admiral Arthur Lionel Snagge, on the retired list of the royal navy, said in an address: "I can reveal that the problem of the menace of the U-boat is on the point of being solved, if it has not already actually been solved.

"I cannot say more than that at present," he added. "I leave it to you to draw your own conclusions."

The vice admiral, who has been on the retired list since 1936, spoke at a meeting at which he handed over a plaque marking the adoption of HMS Dardonyx by the people of Purley and Coulsdon.

Two Marriage Proposals Received by Montgomery

LONDON.—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, British Eighth army commander, recently received two proposals of marriage. "Curiously enough," he says, "both came by the same post. That must be a record."

The general, 55 years old and a widower since 1937, told of the proposals in a letter to his mother, Lady Montgomery.

Canada Bars Food Sales To Buyers Across Border

FORT ERIE, ONT.—Americans trying to beat their own rationing restrictions have caused Canada to revise its export regulations.

George H. Osborn, acting collector of customs, said he received instructions from Ottawa that, effective immediately, no articles of food or other commodities may be exported if rationed in the country of import.

A Marine Pays a Debt—Donates a Pint of Blood

WASHINGTON.—Jack I. Nelson, marine corps gunner, paid his "debt" to the Red Cross—a pint of blood. Nelson walked into a Red Cross blood donor center here with the remark, "I owe you a pint." Then he explained he had been wounded during the Solomon Islands campaign, received a blood transfusion last August, and wanted to repay the Red Cross.

Bloodthirsty Youngster Sends Out Call for Cops

PUEBLO, COLO. — Zelma Fox, four, has her own ideas on eliminating troublesome neighbors.

Seven times she called police to report a young neighbor who had struck her with a rock. On her final call, Sergt. Roy Harper requested what action she expected.

"At least 'lectrocute him."

London's Wartime Train Tickets Take a Trimming

LONDON. — London's transportation system saved 600 tons of paper during 1942 by reducing the size of its tickets.

It salvaged an additional 600 tons of old tickets and 300 tons of old records for pulping, the London Passenger Transport board said.

Christmas Day Theatre Program Comedy Production

It is happily true that the drama, humor of hi-jinks played on Hollywood sets are often as interesting as the picture the company is working on.

This was doubly true in the case of Andrew Stone's comedy production "Hi Diddle Diddle," a United Artists release which is due Saturday Dec. 25, at the Cameron Theatre. For Mr. Stone managed to gather together a cast that could not fail to provide more fun and excitement than even a writer as skillful as Frederick Jackson who authored "Hi Diddle Diddle" could write into a story.

In assembling his production Mr. Stone certainly provded all the elements for fast and furious fun in the making of the comedy.

First off, each person in the cast plays a part written to his or her own specifications. It is Mr. Stone's policy to choose stories that will fit the desires of the stars. Adolphe Menjou, star of the comedy, who is always seen as the suave, sophisticated, proper man about town, dons a new guise. He appears as a graceful rogue who lives by his wits and, unlike the Menjou of old, is supported by his wife.

Martha Scott, who has never before been anything like her real self on the screen, has finally a chance to reveal her own glamorous personality in "Hi Diddle Diddle." Miss Scott of course, was delighted with the chance to prove to the public that she is definitely not the elderly character actress so many people have begun to think she is.

The cast is still laughing at the sign which appeared on the set dressing room reserved for Pola Neigri. The name of the actress appears above the door of the dressing room and on the door the following sign was tacked:

"Keep Out. Room Being Heated For Twins."

It came out all right when it was explained that the twins in question are not Miss Negri's property but were the infants who make an appearance in an early scene in the picture. A nurse who had been hired to care for the youngsters had requested a special heated room for the babies, and Miss Negri's dressing room was inadvertently chosen. Though they are barely past two months old, they acted like real troupers and won the hearts of the cast.

That's Hollywood—and "Hi Diddle Diddle.'

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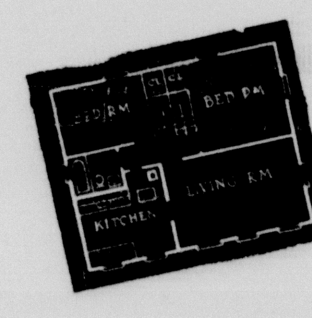

Sure, you're going to build a new home just as soon as the war is over! What do you mean, you can't afford it? You are buying it right now and don't know it, absolutely. How about those Victory Bonds you are salting away every pay day? Every one is a payment on a new home and when the time comes you'll have enough put away to plunk down an initial payment that will make paying the balance a cinch. Start planning now; we'll help you, if we may.

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Holiday Cheer

★ White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Merry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours as 1943 draws to a close.

Geo. McGehee
SERVICE STATION
THAT GOOD GULF GASOINE

To have served you in 1943 has been a pleasure and a privilege. We hope we have served you well enough to merit your patronage in 1944. Right now we want to say

Happy New Year
To You and Yours

E. I. Peck
FRIGIDAIRE SERVICE

Exhibits Trophies of Gaudalcanal Fighting Including Native Club

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The native war club which looks like somthing out of the Tarzan story, is made of teakwood. The Japanese rifle is of small callibre but a good weapon says Monroe.

We don't experiment with your radio—We repair it—You pay less for our service. Any make radio.

Parma Radio Service.

A high note in music is reached in

Peroxide Has Many Uses For Army and Civilians

Hydrogen peroxide, familiar to most women chiefly as a hair bleach and a means of removing stains from household linens, should be known also for its far greater use in bleaching civilian and military textiles, and for other essential applications.

Textiles such as cotton, wool, rayon, silk, or linen are bleached with hydrogen peroxide. Cotton cloth for nurses' uniforms, surgical gauze, sheets, pillow cases, and handkerchiefs—a drab gray when it slides from the looms—is turned a permanent snow-white by peroxide bleaching. Wool, which today goes into soldiers' uniforms and other military uses, is treated with the chemical before olive-drab dyeing.

In addition to textiles, a variety of materials are bleached by this chemical—fur, skin, straw, wood, buttons, fats, and hair. A vital military use is in the manufacture of synthetic rubber.

Popular blonde furniture is made so by the action of hydrogen peroxide on wood veneer. Casein for light-colored plastic articles is often peroxide-bleached. Cow and goat hair for household articles are made light enough so they can be dyed to desired colors. Straw for summer hats is bleached with peroxide, and rabbit fur for felt hats is treated with the same liquid.

No Drug Expurgates Malaria Spores From Bloodstreams

No drug, including quinine, is "entirely satisfactory" in the treatment of malaria. The drug has not yet been developed which will promptly stamp out the two forms of parasite present in the bloodstream of a man suffering from the virulent tropical form of malaria.

The asexual spores introduced into the blood by the bite of an infected anopheles mosquito cause a periodic rupture of the red blood corpuscles, which produces paroxysms of high fever in the patient. The frequency of the fevered periods determines whether the type of malaria is mild or virulent.

In addition, sexual spores develop in the patient's bloodstream, with the result that even after he has recovered, he may be bitten by an uninfected mosquito, which in turn becomes infected and bites another victim, thus spreading the disease by a "vicious circle of carriers." The patient may also experience periodic relapses at intervals of several months and occasionally years.

Extract Gum From Bush

The United States may find another source of natural rubber in Chilte, a bush-like tree which apparently is found only in western Mexico. Chilte also is known as Sinoloa Gum. Normally, it is impractical to produce the gum in competition with natural rubber from the Hevea tree. Now, however, rubber specialists see an opportunity for a market in the United States to supplement the hemisphere's increasing production of Hevea, Castilloa and guayule rubber.

Chilte was produced and used during and immediately following the First World war. If the plans work out, Mexico again will be contributing this type of rubber for war needs. It has a high resin content and is considered particularly adaptable for mixture with synthetic rubber. There are many varieties of the bush or small tree which produces the gum now being sought in western Mexico. The trees are tapped for the gum, just as Hevea and Castilloa trees are tapped.

March to Guns

Today, as never before, troops advancing into battle "march to the sound of the guns." On all fronts artillery is thundering, cannon of calibers ranging from the 20 mm. aircraft weapon to 14-inch railway and 16-inch coast defense guns. Airborne troops are landed and roll their deadly little 37 mm.'s from the planes. Paratroopers float down along with the chutes carrying parts of their 75 mm. howitzers, assemble them and go into action. Mountain artillerymen strip their 75 mm. pack howitzers from the backs of pack mules and emplace them on the heights. Horse artillery gallops along with the cavalry. Infantry mortars lob their finned shells in high arcs into the enemy trenches. Field artillery trucks halt, 105-mm. howitzers are uncoupled, laid and open fire. The swift self-propelled guns of the tank destroyers and the self-propelled howitzers and guns, which are the artillery of armored divisions, speed on to the field of battle.

Malaria Present in U. S.

Not confined entirely to tropical countries, malaria is endemic in 36 of the United States, and in 11 states it constitutes a major public health problem. "The only states apparently free of indigenous malaria today are the New England states, West Virginia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Nevada," according to a recent declaration approved by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Although exact statistics are not obtainable, an estimated two to four million cases a year are normal, concentrated among the South Atlantic and Gulf states and reaching up along the lower Mississippi valley. A million cases were reported in 1936.

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Chairs, bottles, tables—and even bodies—come flying at you. Mirrors are smashed, roulette tables wrecked. Grizzled frontier cow boys vault balconies, roping as they go.

"The Kansan," released by united Artists, will be at Cameron Theatre Sunday and Monday Jan 1 and 2, 1944.

Mrs. W. E. Gaither spent the week end in Dallas with relatives, returning home the first of this week.

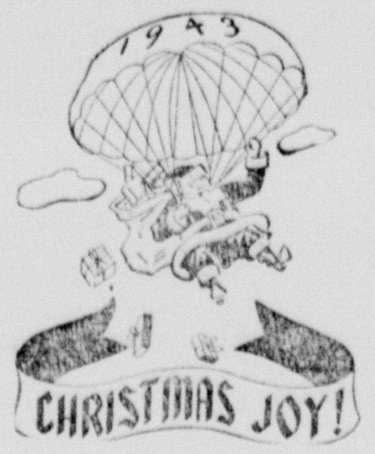
Father Holub of Marak community was a business visitor in Cameron Tuesday.

Carl Hatchel who is with the Texas Highway department was a Cameron visitor on Tuesday.

An old adage assures us that "silence is golden," but, on the Eve of New Year's, we can hardly agree. We believe this is the time to speak up and tell you how much we have appreciated your patronage during the past year, and to wish you good luck in 1944.

F. J. Beckerman

LEATHER GOODS



★ It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.

Jim McGoldrick

CITY POLICE FORCE

YEAR END CLEAN-UP!

We're Cleaning House! . . . All the Broken Lots and Tag-ends Remaining After Christmas Selling!

Entire Stock 27 Only
FUR COATS
$30.00 $50.00
Be Early as they can't last long at these drastically reduced prices!

74 Only All Better Quality!
WOMENS COATS
$10.00 $16.00
Fur Trimmed and Self Trimmed, Dressy and Sport Styles: Quick Action Clean-Up!

SHARPLY REDUCED FOR QUICK CLEAN-UP!

236 - WOMEN'S - HATS

50c $1.00

ENTIRE STOCK PRICED TO SELL QUICK TO MAKE ROOM FOR ARRIVALS!

Full Fashioned Lisle Mesh
HOSE
50c pair
Sharply Reduced. A Rare Opportunity!

Mens Fibre
UTILITY CASES
now $1.00
A Real Bargain. Many With Zipper Fasteners!

19 MENS ZELAN POPLIN

COATS

now $10.00

ALL WOOL PILE LINED—GREAT FOR WET AND COLD WEATHER

PRICED TO CLEAN-UP!

3200 Yards
COTTON DUCK
8 oz. Grade "A." Get Yours NOW!
20c yd.

Two Tables
ODDS AND ENDS
At Super Prices—Be Sure to Check These!

PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY CO., INC

PROGRESS IS THE KEYNOTE OF THE FUTURE. AND ON ONE POINT AT LEAST WE ARE FIRMLY RESOLVED. WE ARE GOING TO SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS STILL BETTER IN 1944. OUR EARNEST WISH IS THAT THE COMING YEAR MAY HAVE MANY UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS IN STORE FOR YOU AND YOURS.

TIM'S PLACE

SANTA FE TOWN CAMERON

The success we enjoyed in 1943 is not merely the result of chance. It is the accumulating reward of long years of effort in giving the most in quality and service, plus your Patronage and Good Will.

We want to take this occasion to thank our Customers and Friends for their Patronage during the year 1943. The success of our business was made possible because of your consideration. Our gratitude suggests we send each one a message of Cheer and Appreciation. The policy of this store in 1944 will continue to be that of service and value giving.

We sincerely hope that the New Year will shower many blessings upon each of you and may you be Happy at Christmas Time.

MATULA'S Cash Grocery

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Editor and Publisher

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reported missing in action and deeply regret the corrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

I extend to you my deep sympathy.

Sincerely yours,
J. A. ULIO, Major General
The Adjutant General.

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October 18, 1943.

Mrs. Bernice Caldwell
506 West 6th Street
Cameron, Texas
My Dear Mrs. Caldwell:

I have just been informed that your son was killed in action in the European Area.

Please accept my sincere personal sympathy. Wilma Caldwell died a gallant soldier's death in our battle for liberty and decency. I hope you will find consolation in the fact that he sacrificted his life in the service of the people of America and the cause of democracy throughout the world.

Again, my deepest sympathy to you and to the other members of his family.

Faithfully yours,
General George C. Marshall.
Chief of Staff.

November 5, 1943.

My Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At the request of the President, I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your son, Second Lieutenant Wilma T. Caldwell, Jr., Air Corps, who sacrificed his life in defense of his country.

Little that we can do or say will console you for the death of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us in this battle for our country, is a loss shared by all of us. When the medal, which you will shortly receive, reaches you, I want you to know that with it goes my sincerest sympathy, and the hope that time and the victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief.

Sincerely yours
Secretary of War.
Henry L. Stimson

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October 19, 1943.

My Dear Mr. Caldwell:

With deep regret I have learned that your son, Second Lieutenant Wilma Thomas Caldwell, Jr., missing in action on August 22, 1943, has been reported as having died on that date in the European Area.

It has come to my notice that Lieutenant Caldwell was a competent officer in the Army Air Force and his reputation is one of which you can be justly proud. He established a fine record at Ellington Field, and later was appointed flight officer. By demonstrating unusual devotion to duty he earned advancement to commissioned grade, and he long will be remembered for the outstanding patriotism and courage that won the respect of all who knew him.

May the memory of your son's accomplishments while in the service of our Country help to lessen your sorrow. I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and other members of the family.

Very sincerely,
H. H. Arnold
General, U. S. Army
Commanding Gen. Army Air Forces.

WANT-ADS

I HAVE the turnips and greens. Do you want to can them on the halves? See Bennie Mundine. Pleasant Hill Community, South of Rockdale, Texas. 36-1tc

FOR SALE—Singer sewing machine in first class condition, without a scratch. C. B. Leonard, Milano, Rt. 1. 37-1tp

FREE!—If excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free sample, Udga, at Dusek Pharmacy. 27-10tp

LOST—Jersey cow, wearing halter, weight about 850 pounds, has short horns, just outside Ben Arnold. Frank Hubnik, Rt. 1, Cameron. 34-3t

FOR SALE—Lot in Buckholts, $100. Mrs. M. A. Carter. 36-12tp

WANT—To buy small black land farm with some timber, on school bus line to Cameron. Want to see owner only. See Cameron Herald. 35-2tp

WANTED TO BUY—Ear corn and cane hay. C. W. Hudson, phone 621— 36-1tp

FOR SALE—My home. I am no longre physically able to care for it. Pearl Clement 35-tp

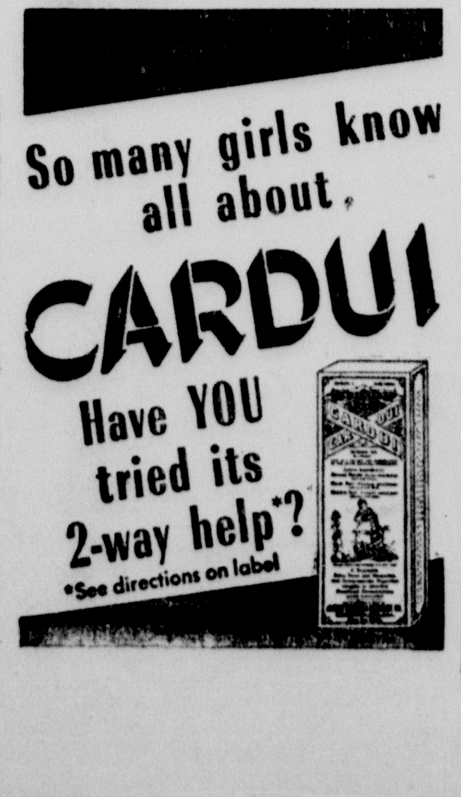
STRAYED Bay Mare Mule about 15 hands high at my place. Anton Moraw, 2 miles west of Splawn Station, Rt. 4, Cameron. 37-1tp

LOST—One bay mare 8 years old, one brown mare smooth mouth, and one horse colt two years old. Ben Kennon. 36-tf

FOR SALE—Three good reconditioned water pumps. Abner Ingram, Jr. 36-tc

ZERONE Anti-Freeze while it lasts at Markham Service Station. 23-tfc

WALLACE
AND
WALLACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Over First National Bank
Cameron, Texas



NEW YEAR

$10,000 quota.

The year 1944 will go down in history as one in which the people dug deeper into their pockets to pay for a war than any year in our hostory.

A survey just concluded by The Herald discloses that many of our business leaders are resentful to a degree over treatment accorded Cameron and Milam county in Washington. They are inclined to blame Congressional representation for some if not all the failures. That is a matter which may be discussed in politics next summer—or may not be. Truth is Cameron went after a number of worthwhile things such as camp sites, military airports, hospitals, arsenals, etc., but found the trail cold in Washington. Congressmen have argued that we didn't have what the government wanted. Even so, it is hard to convince many here that we did not have many of the essential advantages on which large military establishments were taken to other cities in this area.

On the whole Cameron has benefited by the military camps. The city has done a fine job as host to thousands of men in uniform.

As the New Year looms one of the things for which all the people may be thankful is the financial condition of the city. While spending no funds in artificial expansion because of war establishments, the city is strong and prepared to take on any program which post war days may suggest as timely. No city in America owes as little as does Cameron. With a potential even taxable valuation of some two to three million dollars, the city's bonded debt is only $60,000 for non liquidating projects. A record unique among American cities.

Cameron is ready for expansion, is able to pay for that expansion without burden to the people and can therefore finance her own projects as time presents their need. Latent opportunities and ample resources need only leadership. If 1944 brings leadership it will be a big year in our history.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson is confiend to her bed with illness, and has been for several weeks. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A
COLD
USE 666
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

Houston—Herschel and Charles Duncan sole owners of the Duncan Coffee Company, announced today for the 25th consecutive year participation of their 350 employees in the company's annual profits. This year payment of ten per cent of each employee's gross salary will be made part in cash and part in War Bonds.

Herschel M. Duncan, president, said "We consider our family of employees our most valuable asset. Through the loyalty and co-operation of each member our organization has grown to important proportions."

The company, which commenced with eight employees and is celebrating this year its silver jubilee, is today the largest independent roaster in the Southwest and one of the biggest blenders of coffee in America.

In a letter to employees accompanying the bonus, which is being distributed this week, Duncan emphasized the increased cost of the war in 1944. He suggested that those who could might profitably put all their portion of the company profits into War Bonds. He also spoke of the work done on war contracts by the Duncan Coffee Company, and of his and his brother's pleasure in making the gift to their employees, pointing out that unlike a corporation no ratification by stockholders was required before the gift could be made.

The policies and growth of Duncan Coffee Company were recently cited by Representative Wright Patman in an address before Congress entitled "Free Enterprise Must Prevail." Speaking of the Duncan brothers personally, Patman said "They had to establish a reputation for fair dealing and civic consciousness best illustrated in a letter to them from Gov. Coke Stevenson of Texas." Stevenson's letter related how under free, independent American enterprise the growth of an organization like Duncan Coffee Company was possible.

Mrs. Charlie Knipp honored her young daughter, Carolyn Knipp, with a birthday party Tuesday morning celebrating her third birthday, at their home. A number of little friends gathered for games and all presented the honoree with pretty gifts as they entered, which the little receiver thanked them in her own sweet manner. A pretty birthday cake bearing three red tapers was the gift of Mrs. Dwight Moody who presided over the cake and assisted the hostess. Games and a general good time was had, and all left wishing little Caroyln many happy returns of the occasion.

Dependability

Any time of day or night that our service is needed you can depend on us. A phone call assures our assuming all responsibilities and details willingly and correctly.

MAREK-BURNS
FUNERAL HOME
PHONE 546

CAMERON THEATRE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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"The Kansan" comes to the Cameron Theatre, Saturday, January 1.

The native war club which looks like somthing out of the Tarzan story, is made of teakwood. The Japanese rifle is of small callibre but a good weapon says Monroe.

We don't experiment with your radio—We repair it—You pay less for our service. Any make radio.
Parma Radio Service.

Jim Richards of Marlow was a business visitor Friday.

Mrs. Leland Green, Sr., shopped in Temple Tuesday.

Lieut. Stanley Swift Arrives for Holidays From Canal Zone

Lieut. Stanley Swift, United States Navy, arrived in Cameron Wednesday from the Panama Canal Zone where he has been on active duty for a year.

Lieut. Swift is stationed at Balboa on the canal and much of his work has to do with the operation of the canal, as the navy must exercise great care in the handling of sea traffic.

Lieut. Swift will be here during the holidays, returning to active duty after the first of the year. Lieut. Swift volunteered for service and was commissioned in the Navy early in 1942.

B. P. & W. CLUB MEET

The Business & Professional Women's Club met in a social session Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party, with the President, Mrs. Katheryne K. Robbins, presiding. At a short business session held early in the evening, the club voted to send subscription to the "Readers Digest" to the McClosky Hospital soldiers for the coming year.

Miss Annie Stallworth and Adolph Winfield were joint hostesses for a lovely chicken dinner with all accessories, served in the dining room of the Club. Mrs. Emma Butts was a guest beside the members.

Mrs. Charles T. Wendt and two children, Charles and Rosemary Wendt, of Quanah, are here for the holidays, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baskin, Sr. Mr. Wendt will join them later for a few days visit during the holidays.

Dr. John Lane Baskin and wife of Galveston and Grady Baskin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baskin, wife of Lt. J. G. Baskin, who is on a destroyer somewhere in the Pacific, will be holiday guests of their parents and grand mother, Mrs. John Denson.

Roy Johnson of Temple was a business visitor in Cameron on Friday.

TAYLOR
CUSTOM-MADE
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Good, All-Wool, fine tailored, right fitting Suits. Made-to-Order at reasonable prices.

J. P. Werner
Dealer for
J. L. TAYLOR & COMPANY
New York Chicago

BLEAK DECEMBER! 'Tis passing strange that this month which furnishes the least light out of doors, should furnish the most light within. It's the Spirit of Christmas, and the Merriest of Christmases to you!

J. W. Stufflebeme
COUNTY AGENT

Holiday Cheer

The future? Your guess is as good as ours—but, if our wishes count for anything, there is a lot of health and happiness in store for you in 1944.

Bob Terry
GROCERY

Holiday Cheer

It's about time for us to wake up and thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during 1943. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your kindness. May your Christmas be very, very happy.

Bernice's Beauty Shop
PHONE 330

March of Time

"YOUTH IN CRISIS"

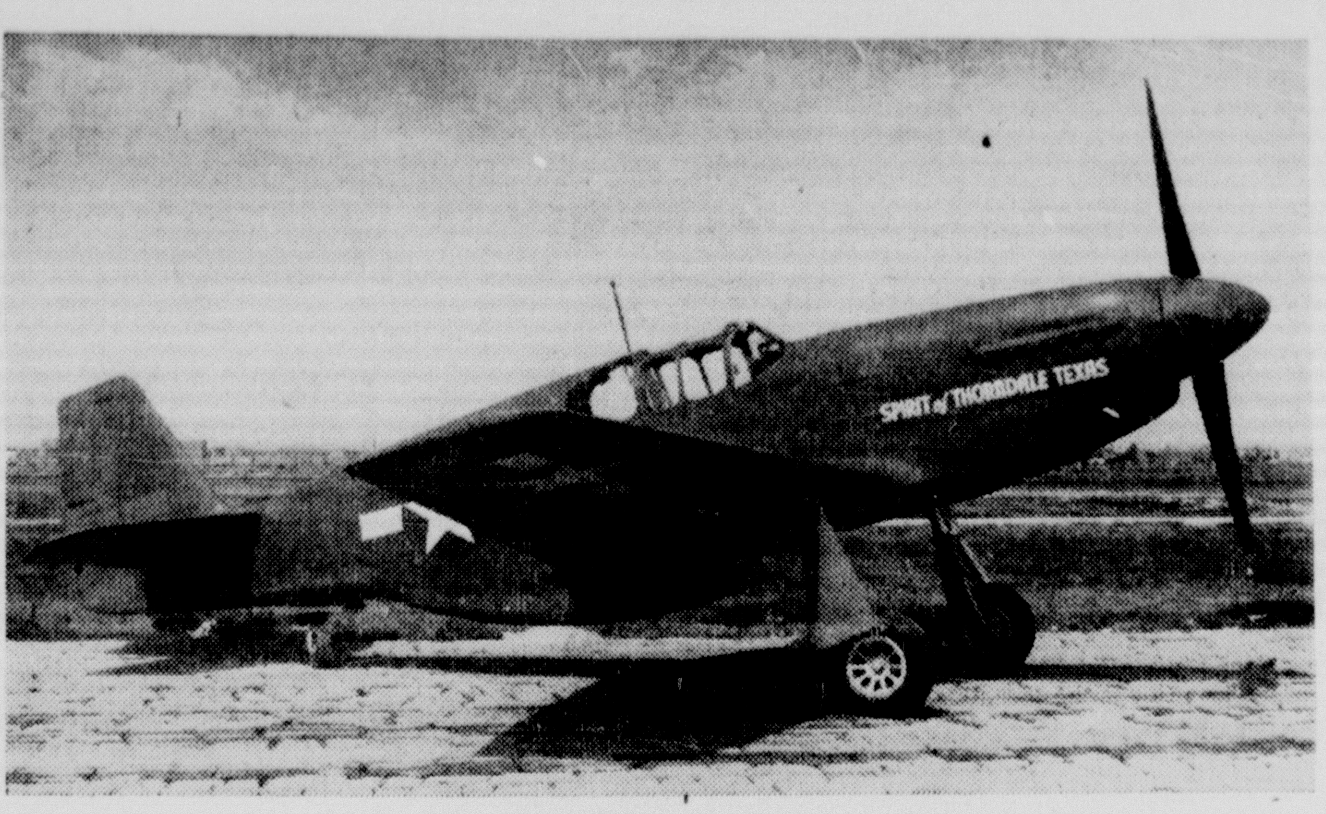
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 AND 31

The New, hard hitting film no parent should fail to see.
It is indeed a challenge.

What is Happening to our children while we fight a war to make a better world for them?

See
March of Time
for the Answer
CAMERON THEATRE

Thorndale Contributes This Mustang Fighter



Here is an excellent photo of the Mustang fighter plane bought by the people of Thorndale in the April War Bond Loan. Emory B. Camp, director of the April loan drive, has released to newspapers photos of other ships for other communities. This Mustang is now somewhere on the battle front flown by an American airman in combat. The people of Thorndale may well be proud of this ship and their share in the war loan.

CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends and relatives we take this method of thanking each of you who came to aid us at a time when we needed you most. In every way that you expressed your sympathy at the death of our dearly beloved mother, Mrs. Lena Alice Gore, we are deeply grateful.

The Gore Family.

Have you booked your chicks?

Court House News

MARRIAGES

Albert H. Peschel and Valley Holcek.

Alton Winn and Annie Merle McKinney.

Frank Elwood Sucik and Mary E. Gunn.

Tom Nelson and Mrs. Artie F. Mc Guire.

Benford C. Gallier and Lillian Tepera.

Melvin Booker and Alma Lee Daniels.

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DEEDS

Edwin Brod et ux to E. L. Brod, 28 acres of the W. W. Lewis league $1[illegible] and other considerations.

[illegible] Lillie Avent et vir toQC deed to [illegible] White, 7 acres of the Levi [illegible] grant, an undivided interest, $50.

J. N. Bailey et ux to B. B. Rains, 52 acres of the F. Rodriquez grant, $300.

Wallace Underwood et ux to Buel B. Rains, et ux, lot 8 in block 12 in town of Gause, $800.

Mittie Bennett to Rose Davis et ux, 3 acres of the James McLaughlin grant, $52.50.

Mary Bell Batte to Adela Rayes, lot 12 in blocsk 33 in west Cameron. $75.

Mary Belle Batte to Adela Rayes, Reyes, et ux, lot 13 in block 33 in west Cameron, $75.

A. R. Gregory et ux, to Ima Henson, Hill store or Sheppard store, near Conoley school house, $800.

Mable Hillyer Buford et vir to Elbert F. Jackson, lots 7 and 8 in block 6 of the Hillyer-Stokes addition to City of Rockdale, $50.

H. T. Coulter to Jewel Clark, lot out of Washington Heights addition to City of Rockdale of the D. A. Thompson survey, $99.99.

Vola Gause Bowling et vir to Bill Gause, 90 acres of the Webb survey, $5 and other valuable consireations.

Mrs. Annie B. Newton to Robert Jack Sledge 52 acres of the R. I. McElvey survey, $450.

C. C. Wright, Gdrn. to Perry M. Cox 46 acres of the Jeol Moore survey, $2,000.

Citizens National Bank, Cameron 134 acres of the F. Rodriquez grant, $600.

E. J. Walker et ux to N. A. Mason, 250 acres of the M. Davilla grant, $4,200.

Floyde B. Beard et al to C. L. Green North half of block 15 of the Mary Michalka second addition to the town of Rockdale, $1,250.

Scarbrough & Hicks to E. Williams 82 acres of the Joel Arendale Head right, $60.

F. L. Foster to Cecil Foster, lots 28 and 29 of the Annie S Williams addition to the City of Rockdale, $1 and other considerations.

A. M. Horstmann et al to Emma Moore lot in block E of the original town of Cameron, $1,200.

L. D. Houpt et ux to Sam Bailey et ux, 100 acres of the Punchard league, $4,000.

Mary A. Green to H. L. Green, Jr., lots 3 and 4 in block 19 in the A. N. Green addition to City of Cameron, $250.

Ernestine Brod Brock, to L. T. Anderson land out of the W. H. Scott addition to city of Cameron, $4,125.

John B. Henderson et als to Amos Riley et ux, lot 4 in block 2 subdivision of Henderson-Arnold addition to City of Cameron, $600.

W. T. Pearson et ux to Raymond Richter, 152 acres of the J. J. Acosta grant, $4,500.

E. A. Camp to Jose A. Flores, part of block 12 of the D. A. Thompson grant in City of Rockdale, $2,500.

H. T. Coulter to Earl Godson, lot 2 in block 1 of the Washington Heights addition to City of Rockdale, $50.

Fred Jistel to Ed C. Wentreik, 6 acres of the W. W. Lewis league, $2,650.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blanchard et vir to Joe F. Zajicek et ux, 190 acres of the J. N. Arocha grant, $5,350.

A. H. Keith et ux to Curtis Hines, 3 acres of the M. Davilla league, $250.

In a letter recently received by L. B. McCullen, Machinist Mate First Class, Weldon Neeley, states that they are all o. k. and is looking forward to being home real soon. This is the first time Neeley has been heard from since the 28th of September. All of his friends will be glad to know that he is well and safe

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Mrs. J. E. Dauda of Littlefield is in Cameron visiting friends and relatives over the Christmas holidays. She is the former Miss Lucille Hayes.

Ray Williford who is in the United States Navy is in Cameron visiting friends and relatives over the holidays.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Don Fisher of Hanover were Cameron visitors the week.

Mead Miller, with the Liquor Control Board, Temple was a business visitor in Cameron on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Floyd of Freeport are visiting her mother, Mrs. Monroe Hickman. Elmer leaves for the army on the 27th.

Carl Hatchel who is with the Texas Highway department was a Cameron visitor on Tuesday.

In Cameron its always the Herald.

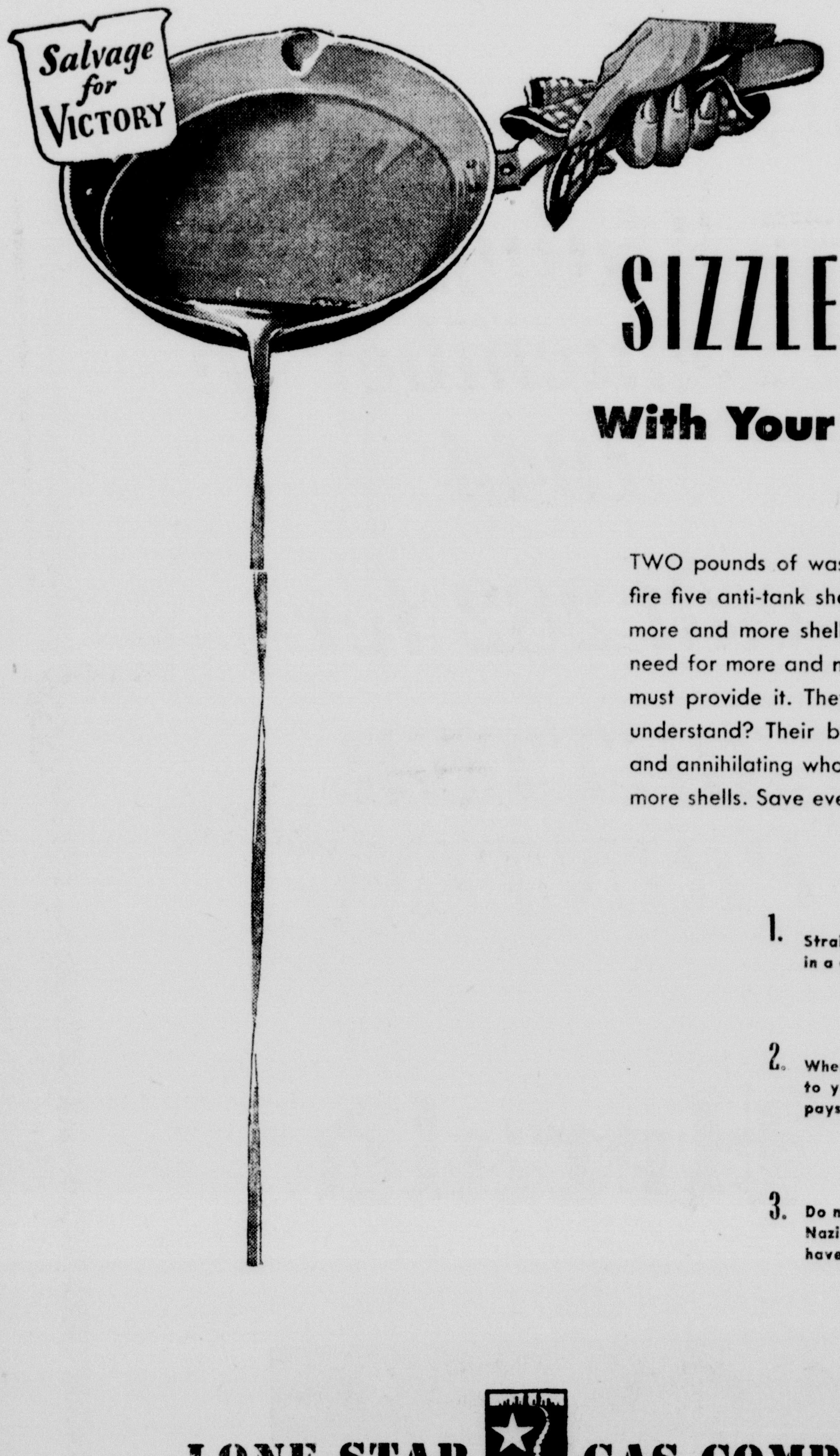
CAMP & CAMP

ATTORNEYS

E. A. Camp E. B. Camp

Office at

CAMERON and ROCKDALE



SIZZLE Japs and Nazis

With Your Waste Kitchen Fats

TWO pounds of waste fat will produce the glycerine required to fire five anti-tank shells. As the attack expands our soldiers need more and more shells for killing Japs and Nazis. This means the need for more and more waste kitchen fat is urgent. Homemakers must provide it. They will. For isn't killing about all our enemies understand? Their brutal savagery in beheading allied prisoners and annihilating whole towns can be stopped only with shells and more shells. Save every ounce of waste fat!

1. Strain into a clean wide-mouthed can and keep in a cool place like inside the gas refrigerator.

2. When you have a pound of waste fat, take it to your nearest butcher or grocer who now pays you for it with brown meat stamps.

3. Do not send any fat along to help kill Japs and Nazis that is still being used or which might have to be replaced.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

The Modern Homemaking Bulletin of our Home Economics Department gives latest food and nutrition facts to help you make every ounce of food count. Get your free copy each week at your Lone Star Gas Company office.

There is an atmosphere of good will and good cheer prevailing in our establishment which finds expression in a greeting to each of you.

At this glad Season we are reminded of our many pleasant business relations, of your many courtesies, of our own good will toward you. That's why we deem it a happy privilege to wish each of you the Season's Best Wishes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Shirley Service Station

PHONE 152—CAMERON

E. S. SHIRLEY LLOYD SANDERS

It has been a privilege to serve you during the year just past in a capacity that we believe will medit confidence for years to come.

As you enjoy the Yuletide with your friends and loved ones, we trust you will keep in mind that our thoughts are of you at this happy occasion.

Many, many thanks for your goodwill and patronage and best wishes for the New Year.

Jno. F. Grant Lumber Co.

DAN GUNN, Manager.

Silent Pigeons Replace Radio

Husky Birds Are Helping Fight Axis Submarines In Atlantic Waters.

WASHINGTON.—Pigeons are helping to fight Axis submarines off the coasts of North and South America.

The husky little birds, which can fly hundreds of miles a day, also are saving lives and winning decorations.

Despite the mechanization of modern war—in fact, because of it—pigeons are again gaining prominence in the war picture.

Radio for a time threatened to push them aside. Walkie-talkies took their place for short-distance communications. Short-wave radio handled messages over longer distances more speedily.

But there was a hitch or two. For one thing radios could go out of order and repairs couldn't be made on the spot.

More important, though, was the fact that the enemy always could pick up radio signals. Maybe he couldn't read the codes, but he could tell a message was being sent.

Pigeon Heads for Home

That is all-important in anti-submarine work. A plane flying high over the seas can spot a sub well beneath the surface. But the pilot isn't always ready to dump bombs. Sometimes he has to call for help; has already used his bombs. When he radioed the sub's location to his base, the sub heard his signals and headed away—fast.

Now, when a sub is sighted, the pilot doesn't have to open his radio key. Instead he opens a hatch and releases a pigeon. The bird heads for home at better than 40 miles an hour—some with favorable winds have done close to 100—and delivers the information on latitude and longitude of a sub. Other planes arrive without radio silence being broken. They'll get the sub.

Just how many times pigeons have played a part in ridding the seas of another underwater raider can't be disclosed. Air force men merely smile—"they're doing their work."

They're doing a lot more than battle the subs, too. Under the recently established program to use pigeons in the air forces, pigeons are working in the ferry command, the transport command, with aerial troop transports, with paratroopers, and in the big bombers that are smashing at Axis industry and shipping. Perhaps they'll soon fly with the fighter pilots.

Take Place of Radio.

In all those jobs their principal duty still is substitution for radio—in event of radio failure or under conditions when radio silence must be maintained.

In their new assignments the pigeons are expected to fly home with information in the event a plane is forced down at sea or in the wilderness. They can travel an average of 600 miles a day over the sea, and when they tire they'll go to the nearest ship and perch in the rigging. A message attached to the leg of a pigeon would bear the latitude and longitude of the disabled plane and help can speedily be dispatched.

"If Captain Rickenbacker had had pigeons and had released them they would have landed on the first ship and rescue parties would have reached Rickenbacker in possibly a couple of days," said Capt. Thomas MacClure, who is directing the pigeon program for the air forces.

Thousands of the birds already are in service outside the United States, he said, and before long "wherever an airplane flies we expect to have these birds."

Kleberg Gets Old Shoes He Gave Away Years Ago

WASHINGTON. — Representative Kleberg, Democrat of Texas, part owner of King ranch, was astonished when he opened a box and recognized a pair of shoes which he had worn nearly six years and had given away four years ago to one of his Mexican ranch hands. It all grew out of the shoe rationing order.

Penciled in Spanish, a note accompanying the shoes said the sender had noticed in the newspapers that Mr. Kleberg was wearing the same shoes he had bought four years ago, at the time he gave up the enclosed pair.

Unable to write, Willie Flores, 60-year-old cook, dictated to another ranch hand, and signed with an X, this message:

"I see where you don't have but one pair of shoes, so I am sending my good friend the pair which you gave me a few years back.

"Sorry, but we are short of shoe strings here at the ranch. Hope these will help the situation and that you are well."

'Twas Chilly Argument In Small World; 2 Ways

KANSAS CITY.—Dr. Logan Clendening has a large house and not much fuel oil.

And it's really a small world, after all, he learned when he asked the fuel-rationing unit for more.

It seems that the stranger with whom he'd argued recently for possession of a Pullman stateroom was Eugene L. Lyon, chairman of the fuel-oil unit.

He still hopes he'll get some oil.

NEWS FROM MAYSFIELD

Friends of Wayne Thweatt will be sorry to hear of his illness. It is hoped that he will soon be well and able to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

The 4-H girls were guests of a party given in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Crowley Friday night. Games were played and each one received a present from the Christmas tree. Refreshments were then served. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Thweatt gave her brothers, Elmer and Bryan a turkey dinner Sunday. These boys are leaving for the army this week.

Mrs. Sherwood Cobb and little daughter, Nancy Ruth, have just returned from a visit in Houston.

Misses Harriett Atkinson from Bartlett and Mary Virginia from Huntsville spent last week end at her home in Maysfield.

Mrs. R. E. Wise and Mrs. Vina White shopped in Cameron Saturday.

John and Jane Freeman of Lon Morris, Jacksonville are at home for the Christmas holidays. They are attending school there.

Cecil Holloway left for the Army last week.

The Maysfield school will turn out Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Pat and Tommie Gleason visited in Burlington last week.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ Scientist ,on Sunday, December 26.

The Golden Text is: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9.)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or tinkling cymbal" (I Cor. 13:1.)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The letter of Science plentifully reaches humanity today, but its spirit comes only in small degrees. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love." (Page 113.)

Gus Beckhusen of Buckholts was a Cameron visitor Monday.

Lt. J. G., Charles Moore and wife are the proud parents of a fine young daughter who arrived at the Cameron Hospital Saturday, December, 18th, and has been named Rebecca Jean. The newcomer is a great grand daughter of Judge E. A. Wallace.

MARRIAGES

Albert H. Peschel and Valley Hoiceck.

Alton Winn and Annie Merle McKinney.

Dick Slocomb and Mrs. Carroll Green will return to Cameron tonight for a visit over the week end with relatives. They are attending the school of Morturary Science in Houston.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Morning Glory Mattress only	$35.25
Haynes Sealey Mattress only	35.25
End Tables	1.90 up
Occasional Chairs and Rockers	10.75 up
5 Piece Breakfast Suites	19.75 up
4 Piece Bed Room Suites	85.00 up
Large Comfortable Rocker and Ottoman	54.75
Wood Heaters	12.75 up
Platform Rockers	16.75 up

Wood Cook Stoves, Oil Stoves. See us.

EXCHANGE FURNITURE CO.

EAT YOUR

Christmas Dinner

AT

CATO'S CAFE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Cafe will close at 2 p. m.

The Christmas Menu will be served also on Sunday, December 26.

The Cafe will close at 2 p. m. on Sunday as usual.

POSITIVELY NO ORDERS WILL BE SENT OUT!

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and a very happy Christmas!

Coward's Garage

AUTO REPAIR SERVICE—ALL MAKES

SOME day soon we hope to thank you personally for your kindness to us during 1943. But right now, with the Spirit of New Year's in the air we want to say

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Marek Gin

BELMENA

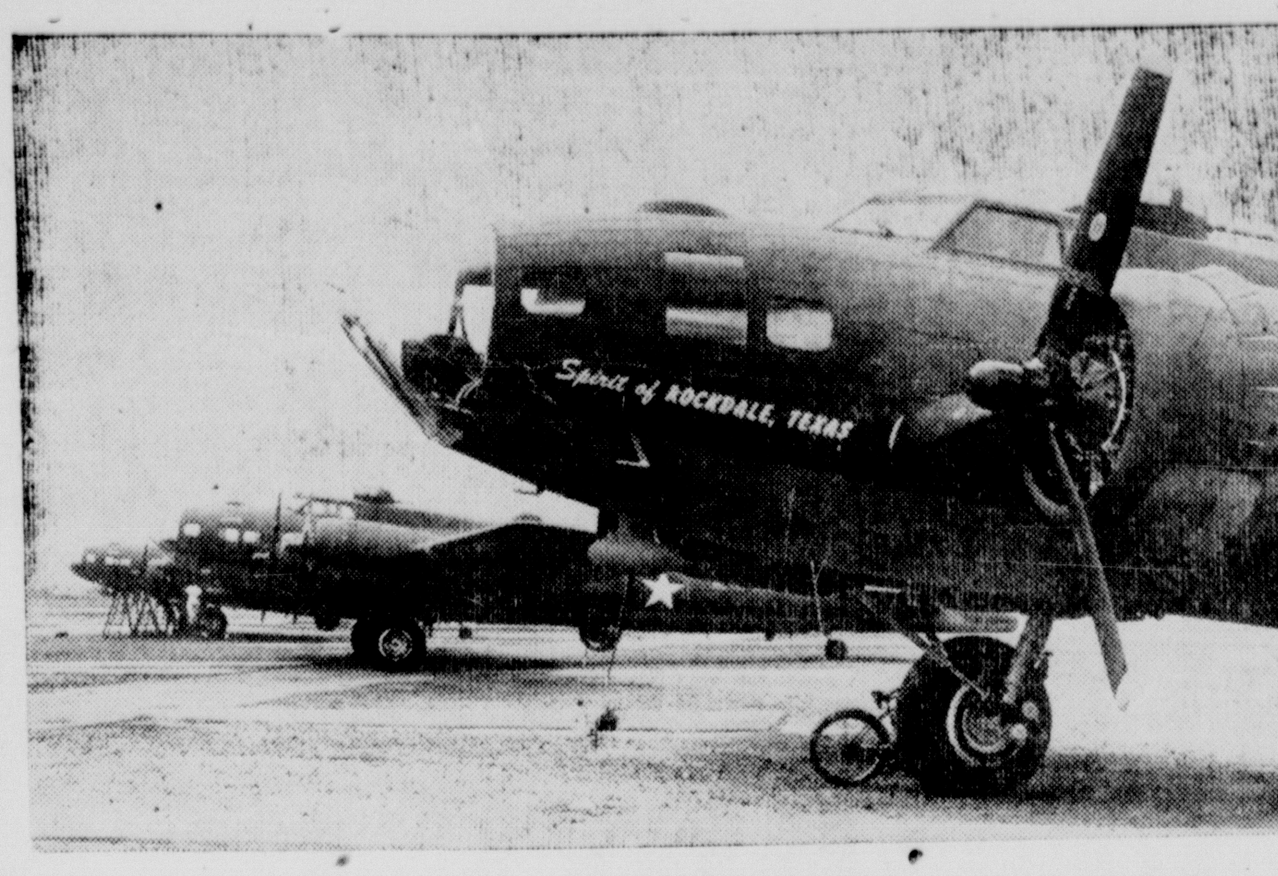
An important thing to Remember in 1944

call 282 for

BETTER PRINTING

Herald

Rockdale's Contribution In April War Loan



Here is a Boeing Flying Fortress bomber contributed through the purchase of War Bonds by Rockdale citizens. This great craft has already seen service on the air fronts somewhere on the globe. The people of Rockdale subscribed liberally in April. This drive was led by Emory B Camp, a former resident of the Regal City. Two other Fortress bombers were allocated to the county, one at Cameron the other for the county at large.

Fought At Arawe

LIEUT. SENIOR GRADE ROBERT H. BLAKE

Lt. Robert H. Blake Leads P T Boat Force In New Britain Attack

Lt. Senior Grade, Robert H. Blake, brother of F. G. Blake of Cameron and a former newspaper man in Hearne and Taft, was one of the heroes of the invasion of New Britain.

The attack was made on December 15, with landings of American troops at Arawe harbor.

Lt. Blake, United States Navy, is commander of a P T Boat Flotilla which had a large part in the landing operations supported by the navy.

First news of the exploits of Lt. Blake was heard in a broadcast out of New York by Cedrick Foster, widely known commentator.

In the photo published here Lt. Blake known widely throughout this section as "Bob Blake," sports a prophet's beard, typical of men who go to sea on long missions. The P T Boat is one of the major naval craft developments in recent years, a powerful small ship, capable of great speed, shoots torpedoes and is sometimes called a sub chaser.

Before entering the navy Lt. Blake was publisher of a newspaper in Taft. He had formerly published the Hearne Democrat in association with his brother, F. G. Blake of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, who was part owner of the plant.

Mrs. Blake, wife of the Lieutenant, and baby, recently visited in the F. G. Blake home here, coming from their home in Corsicana.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 and of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

B. F. BAILEY
CONSTABLE
Precinct No. 1.

POULTRY FEEDS

Are your hens producing many eggs? Are they paying you a profit? We have poultry feeds of all kind. 20 per cent protein Laying Mash at $3.50. Purina Lay Chow at $4.95. Ful-O-Pep Egg Breeder Mash $4.10. Purina Dog Chow, Cow Chow, Chick Startena and Growena. All kinds of scratch grain, remedies and supplies. Make the Ideal Hatchery your poultry headquarters. We want to help you make a profit from your poultry.

IDEAL HATCHERY & POULTRY FARM, CAMERON.

Ralph Conwell of Gay Hill was a Cameron visitor on Monday.

J. T. Parma Ill at Cameron Hospital

J. T. Parma, veteran Cameron business man, was critically ill at Cameron Hospital where he was taken on Tuesday for treatment.

Mr. Parma contracted influenza and his condition was growing steadily worse when on Tuesday he was taken to the Cameron Hospital. A report to The Herald Wednesday by Joe J. Parma, brother, said Mr. Parma's condition had shown some improvement, but he is still very ill.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 22, 1941—Wake Island occupied by Japanese.

Mrs. Ben Phillips of Houston and daughter, Bennie, are in Cameron visiting friends and relatives over the holidays. She is the former Miss Valeria Hayes.

T/Sgt. Edward O. Schiller, Jr., and wife of Camp Crowder Hospital, Joplin, Mo., have concluded a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Schiller here, returning to report for work Saturday.

NEGRO BADLY BURNED WHEN CAR IGNITES

Willie Frierson, colored, is in the Newton Memorial Hospital, in a critical condition as the result of burns sustained around midnight Wednesdty on the highway east of the City.

Frierson was on his way home when his car caught fire. Being partially paralized, Frierson had great difficulty in escaping the machine which he brought to a stop at the roadside.

After crawling from the machine, his clothing ablaze he lay down and rolled in the grass to extinguish the flames. For a considerable distance the grass was burned where he lay as Deputy Sheriff Carl Black found him and called an ambulance.

Frierson's legs and body were so badly burned physicians were not prepared to say he would recover.

Miss Lena Crouch of Galveston arrived in Cameron Tuesday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crouch and other relatives and friends over the holidays.

Sgt. Howard Galman who is stationed in Arizona, is in Cameron visiting his mother, Mrs. Monroe Hickman and other relatives and friends.

A Citizens Pledge In Wartime America

"I pledge myself to the common cause by eager submission to any sacrifice that hastens victory."

JOE D. BASS
Electrical Contracting and Repairing
PHONE 418.

Freezing Weather in North Portion East Texas is Forecast

Freezing weather may come to the north portion of East Texas Thursday said a forecast from the Fort Worth Weather Bureau as reported to The Herald by Richard Hester, local government observer.

As forecast yesterday by Indian sign the norther reached Cameron early Wednesday. Temperatures Tuesday were as follows: Maximum 71, minimum Wednesday morning 51.

Forecast East Texas: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, continued cool with freezing in extreme north portion tonight. Colder in north and central portions Thursday.

S/Sgt. Robert Mosapust is in Cameron visiting friends and relatives. He is in the United States Army.

Mrs. R. S. Wiley will spend the holidays with her children in San Antonio and other places.

Fred Whited of Houston was a business visitor in Cameron Monday.

CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AND 24

GOD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year.

At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

PARMA'S Radio Shop

"At Christmas play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year"

GLITTERING more fantastically than the jewels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this town and adjoining farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christmas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BEHOOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.

SKEEZIX

WHAT matter if Santa comes in a jeep, just so it's Santa Claus? And it IS Santa Claus! And this IS Christmas. May the 1943 season be an exceptionally happy one for you and your family.

Hilltop Tavern
COTTON BRYAN, Proprietor.

Come to these Theatres for Your Holliday Entertainment

THE CAMERON THEATRE

Saturday
December 25
"HI DIDDLE DIDDLE"
CHRISTMAS DAY

It was a privilege to entertain you in 1943 and we are looking forward to 1944 with plans as usual to serve you with the best that the screen has to offer. In counting the blessings of the year we want you to know we have placed your good will high upon the list of things good that came our way.

Cameron Theatre and Milam Theatre wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and invite your attention to the Holiday Pictures we have booked for you.

MIDNIGHT MATINEE
Friday January 31
"Campus Rhythm"
JANUARY 1
'KANSAN'
RICHARD DIX

Sun. & Mon. Dec. 26-27
'JOHNNY COME LATELY"
JAMES CAGNEY

December 28
'DOUGHBOYS IN IRELAND'
Kenny Baker

DECEMBER 30 & 31
'CLAUDIA'
ROBERT YOUNG
Dorothy McGuire

THE MILAM THEATRE

MILAM THEATRE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Friday and Saturday December 14 & 25
"COLT COMRADES"
William Boyd

Sunday December 26
"CONEY ISLAND"

Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st
"BLAZING GUNS"
HOOT GIBSON and KEN MAYNARD

MILAM THEATRE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DEC. 31 AND JAN. 1

Watch for the January PROGRAM

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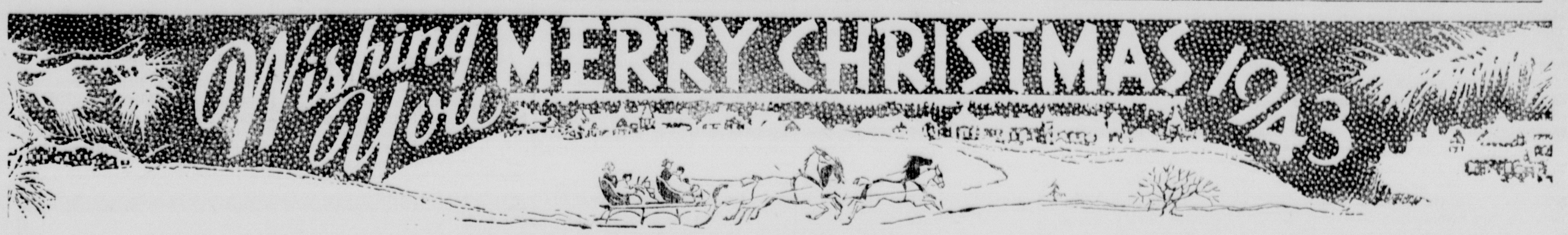


Lieut. Stanley Swift Due Here Tuesday

Lieut. Stanley Swift, United States Navy, is expected to arrive in Cameron next Tuesday for a visit with his family and friends during the holidays.

Lieut. Swift has been on active duty with the navy in the Canal Zone, stationed in Balboa. He left Cameron a year ago for his assignment and has not visited home since that time.

Mrs. Swift and their two children, Hill and Sarah, are in Cameron. They have been living in Waco while Lt. Swift has been away in service.

Wm. R. Rogers will visit his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Ronshousen, at Port Arthur, the former Eloise Rogers.

Famous Santa Found in Ink Well

NOW that you know all about Santa Claus, Virginia, how would you like to hear about his daddy?

What's that? Did a stork bring Santa Claus?

Well, you see, Santa was found in an ink bottle. Not even his daddy knows how Santa got there. But this is the story:

ONCE upon a time, many years ago—97 years to be exact—there was a little six-year-old named Tommy who came to America from Germany. His father was a musician. He played trombone in big bands.

Tommy didn't want to be a musician. Tommy liked to draw. His best friend was a dealer in crayons who would let Tommy have broken ones that people wouldn't buy.

Of course Tommy went to school but he was such a good little artist that of times the teacher said: "Go ahead and finish your picture, Tommy—you'll never know much about arithmetic and grammar anyway."

Just before Tommy came to America, a college professor, Clement C. Morre, printed a book of his poems. One was that which starts: " 'Twas the night before Christmas—"

IT TELLS about St. Nicholas riding his sleigh through the Christmas sky and sliding down chimneys to bring gifts. Everyone loved the poem. Soon even babies everywhere were lisping it.

But no one knew then what Santa Claus looked like. It was just 100 years ago that an artist first tried to draw the Santa Claus of the poem. But gosh—he was such a dried-up, skinney-looking little fellow. Other artists tried to draw him. Most of those Santa Clauses looked like tubby little dwarfs or hunchbacks.

So, when Tommy grew up and became an artist who drew for a big magazine, he decided in 1863 to draw a Santa Claus. He drew two. One was the Santa Claus who visited Civil War soldiers (even President Lincoln loved him,) and the other was a dwarfish, fat little Santa on a chimney.

ALTHOUGH they apparently didn't satisfy Tommy, they were jolly and full of Christmas spirit. Sons and daughters and mothers and fathers, all loved them. So Tommy resolved to draw a Santa every Christmas.

That's how Tommy found Santa Claus in his inkwell just 80 years ago. We might say that this Christmas is Santa's 80th birthday.

The remarkable thing was, however, that Tommy kept trying to make a better picture. By the time he was a famous artist, 25 years later, his Santa Claus was the big, hearty, fur-suited old santa that everyone knows today.

Tommy's name was Thomas Nast, and he was one of the very greatest newspaper artists that ever lived. The elephant that stands for the Republican party, and the donkey that stands for the Democratic both came out of Tommy's inkwell, too. He was a friend of many Presidents. One of them, President Theodore Roosevelt, made him consul, general in Ecuador, where he died in 1902.

TOMMY lived in New York City and at Morristown, N. J. He had five children—and they all loved Santa Claus.

One of Tommy's friends, Albert Bigelow Paine, who wrote a book about Tommy's life, one day asked about drawings for pictures in the book.

Do you know what Tommy Nast replied?

He said just this:

"I should like to put in some of my Santa Claus pictures."

MARLOW BOYS HONORED

A social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gobel Kirk of Marlow on Tuesday night, December 14, 1943 honoring the boys of Marlow who are soon to leave their home for their places in the armed forces. Charles McDermott and Griffin Burnett are leaving for the army, and Wesley Pratt left last Tuesday for the Navy and is now stationed at Corpus Christi.

There were forty nine present to wish the boys good luck and a speedy return.

Cpl. Barney Brashear of Camp Claiborne, La., is here on furlough visiting his wife and daugher, Beverly Ann, also his brother John Brashear and family. From here he will leave for Mineola to see his parents and return to Camp on December 25.

TO the far corners of the globe go the Christmas wishes and packages to our boys in the service. With the new world of the future in the making we look forward hopefully to the Christmas of tomorrow, while wishing you the happiest of Christmases today.

Grady Stidham

COMMISSIONER

PRECINCT NO. 2, MILAM COUNTY

... a candle in the window
... the gleam of a star on a tree
... the light in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning

* * *

But Christmas is more than these ... how much more we cannot put into words, but you do know that we are wishing for you all that Christmas at its very best implies, and all that Christmas can bring . . .

GRAHAM GILLIS

JUDGE, 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Mrs. Isabell Moody

DISTRICT CLERK

MILAM COUNTY.

SPEARHEAD WITHIN 50 MILES LATVIAN BORDER

Russia's great winter offensive was launched several days ago and at noon Monday had reached proportions hitherto unknown in this war.

A drive in the Nevel area achieved an 18 mile break through of the German lines and the Reds had reached a point within 50 miles of the border of Latvia. The Red army is now within 200 miles of the gulf and port of Riga on the Baltic where two trunk line railroads are vital to the entire German lines in Russia.

The Nevel drive had encompassed 500 villages. The Moscow communication Monday said that 20 thousand Germans had been killed and vast quantities of war meterials captured.

For several days the Germans have been making claims of Russian major offensives but Moscow made no mention until Sunday when the Red army headquarters gave some details of the great drive.

The Red offensive was accompanied by a vast display of air power. The Germans said that the Russians were employing some 600 thouand men in the push.

On the Italian front the Americans had won their bloodiest battle of the war with the capture of San Pietro. This is the fortified village protecting Cassino and the road leading to Rome.

American losses were said to have been heavy in the fierce three day battle. The Germans paid much more in lives. German dead lay along the slopes in great numbers. Many Texans were in the battle.

The rapidly expanding air arm of the United States was able on Sunday to bomb Germany from the Adriatic.

Even the Yugoslavs were defeating the Germans. Hitler is hard pressed to maintain fighting armies on three fronts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore and baby, who have been living in New Orleans, will spend the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Tom Denson, and will leave later for Dallas where they have purchased a home.

Mrs. Hallie Jones Wofford is leaving this week for Port Arthur where she will spend the holidays with her son Nat B. Wofford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Skinner of Rogers, will be Christmas Day guests of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denson.

The hum of those Liberators high in the sky is a portent of progress—a glimpse of the reality that, speed the day! lies beyond the turn of the road. Freedom is on the march!

That you may participate in all of the good things that 1944 may bring is our sincere New Year's wish for you.

Dan Lunsford

CITY MARSHAL

CAMERON

GERMANS ON RUN AS RED ARMY CLOSES IN

The Germans were in full retreat at Norvel abandoning large quantities of war materials as the Red army continued its march.

In the latest winter offensive opened in the Norvel sector which is on the western end of the line below Leningrad, old Russian capital, the Red army has crashed through German lines.

In the first 3 days the Reds liberated 500 villages, killed 20,000 Germans and took large quantities of war materials.

Monday's operations accounted for 50 more villages. The Germans were fleeing and leaving their equipment behind said a London dispatch. The Reds are now within short distance of the old Polish and Latvian borders.

On New Britain American troops had captured the air strip which is being converted into a base. Rabaul, principal Jap base on the island is now under direct threat.

The battle in Italy was bloody and fierce. The American 5th and British 8th Armies were making slow progress due to the stubborn German defensive system. Both sides have announced heavy casualties.

Lease-lend was losing its glamor in South America. A revolt led by nationalist youth organization, Nazi inspired, had taken over the government of Bolivia.

Colder Weather Is In The Offing

Indian signs Tuesday pointed to a change in temperatures. The weather will be cooler Wednesday, if not colder.

Mild temperatures were prevailing Wednesday afternoon. The sky pattern was a pretty fair indication of a change.

Indians generally are better prognosticators than the crop who descended from the un-invited guests who landed at Plymouth Rock.

Rain always follows a drouth and cold comes after heat. Incidentally today is the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Allison of Bryant Station were business visitors in Cameron on Monday.

Servicemen's Insurance Is Heavier Than in 1918

NEW YORK.—Men in the armed forces of the United States have bought more National Service life insurance than the maximum amount of government insurance outstanding at any time in World War I, the respective totals being $45,000,000,000 now, against $39,606,743,000 25 years ago.

In making public these figures, the Institute of Life Insurance points out that in addition to this insurance protection for families and dependents of servicemen, there is also the protection of life insurance policies owned by them at the time of their induction and continued in force. One of every two men in the armed forces owns policies taken out when he was in civilian life, the institute finds.

U. S. Troops Will Farm Near Camps in Britain

LONDON.—United States troops here will grow auxiliary food supplies in camp areas, it was announced here. The project, directed by Maj. H. H. Hutchinson of Raleigh, N. C., will not interfere with combat training and will be in the nature of "extracurricular activity."

Last year the British army cultivated 7,952 acres and provided enough fruits and vegetables to feed 10 divisions. The American soldier farmers are expected to save the Allies 50,000 tons of shipping in 1943.

Sharp Gets $250 Flat

CONCORD, N. C.—E. J. Sharp, 70-year-old chairman of the American Red Cross War Fund drive here, raised $250 by singing at a rally. He charged $25 a song for four songs, then asked for bids to stop. The audience contributed $150 more.

High War Plant Pay Lures Only Policeman

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.—High pay in the war plants lured away Shepherdstown's only policeman and authorities figured to get along without one on the premise that crime doesn't return the dividends.

William Osborn, the town sergeant for many years, has gone to a Maryland defense plant.

Mrs. Earl Burke and son, and Mrs. Lottie Bigbee spent Sunday in Marlin with Mrs. Bigbee's sister, Mrs. B. B. Coolley who observed her birthday anniversary.

Paul Kristyn of Thorndale was a business visitor in Cameron on Wednesday.

WE LOSE 25 BOMBERS IN RAID ON BREMEN

Fortress bombers of the United States 8th Air Force based in England lost 25 ships in a daylight raid on Bremen Monday, according to news heard at noon.

While the Americans were losing 25 bombers, with the aid of supporting craft they shot down 42 German planes. The raid, described as highly successful was wholly an American operation.

Sofia, capital of Bulgaria was rocked again Monday by allied bombers. The politically unstable Balkan country was pounded December 10 for an hour and 45 minutes. The extent of the Monday raid was not ascertained.

The most successful air attack on Germany occured Sunday when American planes based in the Mediterranean area shot down 59 German planes in attacks on Augsburg in Germany and Innsbruck in Austria.

Lt. and Mrs. W. P. Hogan of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., have concluded a 13 day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gaither. While here Mrs. Gaither entertained with a coffee Monday morning at her home. Beautiful Christmas decorations were used throughout the new home. Mrs. Hogan will be remembered as the former Miss Billie Gaither who has maany friends in Cameron.

ADOLPHE MENJOU · MARTHA SCOTT in

Hi Diddle Diddle

with Pola NEGRI
Dennis O'KEEFE · Billie BURKE
and June HAVOC
an ANDREW L. STONE production
Director of "Stormy Weather"
Screenplay by Frederick Jackson

CAMERON THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

FIVE MILE BRIDGE HEAD CONSOLIDATED QUICKLY

Texans making up the bulk of the American Sixth Army commanded by Lieut. General Walter Krueger had consolidated their positions Friday morning in a five mile bridgehead forced at Arawe in New Britain.

The invasion of New Britain came at dawn Wednesday in a smashing blow by land, sea and air. The Japs were caught completely by surprise and were quickly overcome. No ships or planes were lost.

A small force of Commandoes attempting to land in advance of the main invasion force was wiped out by the Japs, it was said late Thursday. The boats were blown to bits under heavy concentrated enemy fire.

New Britain was seized by Japan in 1942. It is the largest of the Bismarck archipeligo being some 50 miles wide and about 300 miles long. Its importance is gauged chiefly becaue of the port of Rabaul which now is directly under attack.

General Douglas MacArthur who directed the operations from his base on an island off the north New Guinea coast said: "The enemy's surprise was complete and his resistance was quickly overcome." Jap planes seeking to attack were driven off three times.

American bombers dumped 356 tons of explosives on Arawe and islands in the harbor preceding the landing of the Texans under General Krueger.

Casualties were extremely light, most of the men lost were among the advance units which went ashore in rubber boats.

The invasion of New Britain was a part of a large scale attack all

J. M. Drummond of Rockdale was a business visitor in Cameron Monday.

E. L. Small of Big Lung was a business visitor in Cameron this week.

GET READY FOR WINTER

Windshield Glass, Door Glass, Windshield Wipers and Parts.

RUGS
GLASS
AUTO HEATERS

Fluorescent—Low Operating Cost lites—soft mellow

HOUSE PAINT
FIRESTONE SUPREME

Electric Fence Units

BICYCLES—New
Bike Parts, Tires, Tubes

VULCANIZING

a big help to injured tires, but repairs should be made when injury is first made in tire.

HORSTMANN BROS.
Tire Store
PHONE 550.

Pvt. Huling Hubert Becomes Paratrooper

Fort Benning, Ga.—Pvt. Huling Hubert son of F. W. R. Hubert, Jr., of Minerva, has won the right to wear the world-famous Wings and boots of the United States Army Volunteer Paratrooper, World War II's most feared warrior. He made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap indentical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Green and daughter from Alexandria, La., arrived in Cameron Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Green.

"OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"

sums up, in two words, the achievements of our armed forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We thank you most cordially for your good will and patronage and wish you the Season's Greetings.

Cameron Fruit & Grocery Co.

DEPENDABILITY

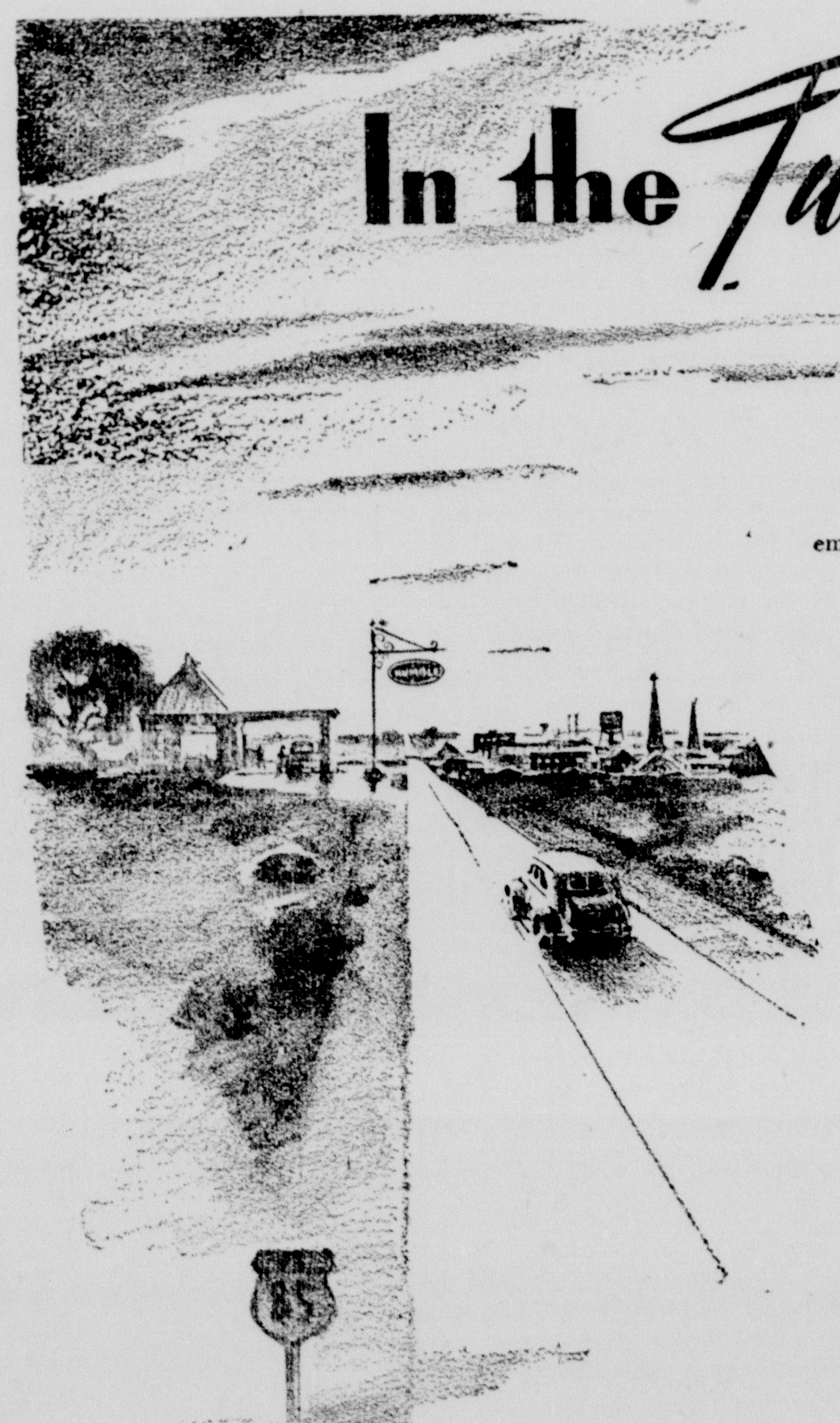
You can confidently depend on us to carry out your every wish in choice of appontments. Good taste and quiet dignity prevails no matter how simple the ceremony.

MAREK-BURNS FUNERAL HOME
PHONE 546

LIKE a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1944 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

Specialty Shop

In the Twilight . . . of 1943



. . . we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with diffculty that we remember the details of that day, the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspoiled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to. But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

13,000 Texans United in the War Effort

HUMBLE

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little dog, block, name block sheep, a dime bank, a bag of marbles and a great big gun. Please bring Dick Jenness a gun too.
Love,
Jimmy Law.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to tell you I have been a good little girl and what I would like to have for Christmas. I want a doll, some fruit, a bracelet and some doll dishes. I will be glad when you get here.
Gloria Weems.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me two scabbards and one pistol, football. Dear Santa Claus. BB gun and some BB's.
Love,
Earnest Cass.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I just want a boy scout whistle.
Love,
Tommy Chamberlain.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a machine gun, a jeep, an army tank and an M. P. suit. Bring my soldier brothers, Lee and John, an airplane and a parachute. Bring Miss Randolph, my teacher, two pairs of shoes, a red and blue pair. Brink my grand mother a red dress. Bring my sister a tube of red lipstick. I believe that is all I want this Christmas.
Love,
Jimmy Clore.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a cow boy suit and a pair of spurs, also a gun to go with my suit. I want a picture puzzle of "Little Black Sambo," I also want some comics of Jurky Pig and Donald Duck if you have them. I would like to have some fruit, nuts and candy please. If I'm not asking for too much you might add a color book of Uncle Wiggley and some crayolas.
Your friend,
Emmett Streetman.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the first grade and I want you to bring me a ring and a bracelet and a toy land. You can also remember my two little brothers. Don't forget the fruit and candy.
Love,
Barbara Ann Simmons.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little car, bicycle and an air plane, a tractor, some oranges, apples, nuts and candy.
Thank you very much.
Your friend,
Rudolph Tepera.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 9 years old. I am in the third grade. For Christmas please bring me a football, a big truck and don't forget the other children.
Raymond Chudej.

HER FIRST LETTER

Cameron.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl, and I hope you come to see me. Would you please bring me a pretty big doll, a pair of pajamas and a set of doll dishes? Thank you Santa.
Love,
Lynn Lewis.

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Brazoria, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 5 years old. My little sister, Melba is one year old. I would like for you to bring me a Commando gun, a jeep and some army Trucks. Please bring my little sister a ball and a rocking horse. If you can't leave these things for me anything will do.
Please bring my gifts to my grand mother's as I will be there during the Christmas holidays. Her name and address is, Mrs. Don Thweatt, Maysfield.
Sincerely,
Dean Angell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a machine gun and army tank. Please bring me fruit, nuts and some candy.
James Angell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you just a few lines. We cannot write long letters because of paper shortage. I realize this year you are very short of materials so I am not asking for very much. Just bring me cow boy boots, crayolas, and some candy and fruit. Please remember all the other little children.
Your friend,
Louis Hubnik.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a truck, a gun and I like to go to school. Please bring me an air plane, a truck and a gun. I have been a good little boy. Don't forget my mother and daddy and teacher.
Your friend,
George Irvin Burwick.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a sack of marbles and a truck. Santa, I would rather have you bring my brother home from the navy if possible.
Your friend,
Billy Frank Mortimer.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a gun and scabbard. I want a pair of warm gloves to wear to school. Bring Harvey an air plane. He is my little brother.
Your friend,
Jimmy Mabry.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon and an army truck. Don't forget my brother Jimmy and mother and daddy.
Your friend,
John David Thompson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a little set of dishes. Please bring me some fruit and candy. Remember all the poor little children.
Your friend,
Mary Lou Friemel.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. I go to Ad Hall school, and I am in the second grade. Will, you please bring me a "Sleepy Doll" and a stretch bracelet, and also some dishes. And a doll bed. Please bring me some candy, fruit and nuts. Thank you very much.
Your friend,
Lucy Alice Nichols.

Alaska Gets Boom From War; Mrs. Kemp Addresses Rotary

Alaska purchased in May of 1867 by the United States from Russia for $7,200,000 and forgotten, has come into prominence now that we are at war with Japan.

Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp, in a talk to the Rotary Club Wednesday, dicussed the history of Alaska. Fishing and mining were the earliest industries to open up the country but it remained for war to bring the biggest boom to the country where gold was found in the grass roots.

Mrs. Kemp's talk was interesting. It had been given at the History Club prior to Wednesday. The new Alaskan highway, said Mrs. Kemp, will no doubt do more to settle the country than any other single development.

In concluding her paper she read a letter from Reed Rogers now in the Navy and stationed somewhere in that area.

Mrs. C. H. Moore returned Sunday from Way Cross, Ga., where she has been visiting her son, Arthur Cobb, who is in the service.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AND 24

THE MILAM THEATRE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

CAMERON THEATRE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

To Our Friends:

The Ages have evolved no finer expression of cheer than "Merry Christmas' and a "Happy New Year."

With each passing Year, it seems, we grow more conscious of the feeling that there is embodied the spirit of the Good Friend and Neighbor, even the ideals for which we participate in the conflict which has engulfed our world.

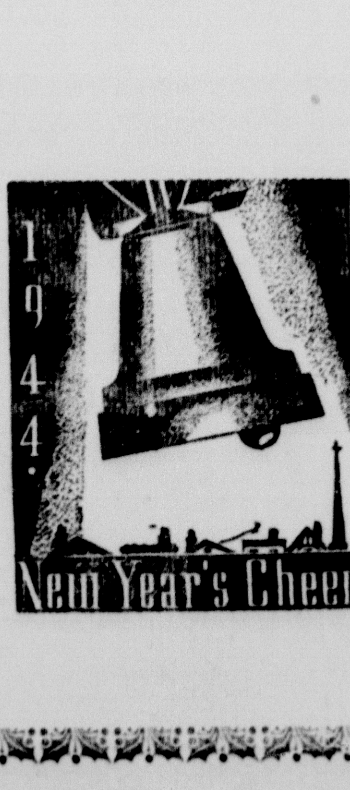
Christmas warms the Heart and brings Friends closer together no matter how distant they may be. At this Christmas 1943 we are thinking primarily of you and yours; of the men who have gone out to the battlefronts, and our anxiety for them and their safe return to the homes they left.

As the Holidays approach again, we want to tell you how much your friendship has meant to us in this trying year; how greatly we are indebted to you for your patronage and understanding of the problems faced by business in this day of total war.

It is our sincere wish that you may be Happy Christmas and in the New Year find in abundance the good things which you so well deserve.

Grabein Chevrolet Co.

PHONE 175. CAMERON



New Year's is here!

It is easy to tell. The bustle and merriment; the good fellowship. We are wishing you, and You and YOU all the good things that 1944 can possibly bring.

Acme Steam Laundry

R. E. SHARPE, Owner.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little dresser set. Don't foregt my little brother and sister. Bring me some fruit and candy.
Your friend,
Patsy Gene Loftin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school. I want a gun an air plane and a truck. Please bring me some fruit and candy. Don't forget Betty Lou.
Your friend,
Franklin Kraatz.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fountain pen, a football and tommy gun. Don't forget my mother and daddy. Remember all the poor children.
Your friend,
Bobby Powell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll bed and a doll. I want some little dishes. Don't forget my mother and daddy, sisters and my teacher.
Your friend,
Fayrenie Fikes.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the third grade and I try to get my lessons. Please bring me an air gun, truck and pistol. Remember the other boys and girls and our soldier boys.
Your friend,
J. L. Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I am in the fourth grade and I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll, some dishes and a stove. Please don't forget my little brother. Don't forget my mother and daddy and teacher.
Your friend,
Doris Janes.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old. I don't want much, because of the war. I want a football, some boxing gloves, a punching bag and some games. I will be at my grand parents 310 15th Street in Cameron for Christmas.
Thank you,
Thomas Posey.
P. S.—I really don't want much until I got started, but you know how a boy is, so bring me what you can.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and some pretty clothes for her. I also would like to have a lot of surprise packages.
Yours truly,
Annette Manning.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, suit case, buggy, candy and nuts. Don't forget our boys that are away from home.
Love,
Bonnie Pratt.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl who is always wanting something all the year, but last year I didn't get anything. So I hope I will get something this year.
This year I want a doll 18 inches tall. I have had 2 dolls in my life. I will tell you how old I am and my name. So here they are: I am 9 years old, on Dec. 17th, I will be ten. My name is Margarett Petruy. You know year before last I saw you in Cameron. The doll I want is on the next page so read it. I want a bracelet, but I would like that doll the most. Santa Claus, write me if you can bring me that doll for Christmas.
Yours sincerely,
Marie Petruy.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and doll buggy. I want a girls soldier suit, a set of dishes. I want a bunk house doll bed so that my sister will have a bed for her doll too.
With love,
Helen Armstrong.

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little boys two and three years old. We want you to bring us two army tanks, two sets of blocks, two little wagons with building blocks and lots of fruit and candy. Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls.
Your friends,
James and Jack McCollum.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me checkers, marbles, top, candy, peanuts and some nuts. I help daddy on the farm.
Your friend,
Johnnie Smith.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a set of dishes.
With love,
Eulamne Shuffield.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and some clothes. I want a little table and three chairs so that I can have a tea party. I want a girls soldier suit. Please bring Nick something.
Nita Nabours.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a teddy bear, a color book and some crayolas, some friut and candy.
Nell Lunsford.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy and in the first grade and I want a gun and bear and wagon and farm set and lunch kit, and a big ball, truck and top and string. I want some funny books and doctors set.
Your friend,
Eugene Dymke.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an M. P. Soldier suit, football, and if you can find a tricycle, I would like to have one dummy truck.
Raymond Shuffield.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a boy scout whistle, a cowboy suit and some fruit.
With love,
Wayne Miller.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a cow girl suit and a ring and a nnrses kit, and a baby doll?
Jean Bradbury.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a air plane and book satchel.
David Ballard.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a lady doll and a nurses kit, so that I can doctor my dolls. I want a little kitchen cabinet and charm bracelet and some character pictures.
Nancy Grabein.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a book satchel and air plane.
Woodson Ballard.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll and black board, some chalk, a cooking set, and a teddy bear, some story books and some fruit, candy and nuts and some doll clothes. I want some golves too.
Hazel Ann Buttler.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Mary Helen Braden.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big baloon and a set of dishes. Some water colors and fruit.
Your friend,
Yvonne Gill.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll and a set of dishes. I would like for my uncle and aunt to come home for Christmas. Reba wants a doctors set. Thank you,
I am,
Geneva Goats.

DEPENDABILITY

You can confidently depend on us to carry out your every wish in choice of appointments. Good taste and quiet dignity prevails no matter how simple the ceremony.

MAREK-BURNS FUNERAL HOME
PHONE 546

Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

R. A. DEVERS
COUNTY TREASURER
Milam County.

Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

Chas. M. Hicks
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
MILAM COUNTY

More than a half a century ago Robert Barry Coffin wrote:

"I have ships that went to sea
"More than fifty years ago;
"None have yet come back to me,
"But keep sailing to and fro."

We don't want that to happen to you, kind friend. This year A.D. 1944 is the year we want your ship to come in.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dan Tyson
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
CITY OF CAMERON

HAPPY NEW YEAR

For many years in succession we have been wishing our friends and customers a Happy New Year. It is with the greatest of pleasure that we now renew this custom. Many thanks, and every good wish for you.

Griffith's BARBER SHOP
ROY GRIFFITH, Proprietor.

JUST as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmastime), that surely there will always be a Christmas. Our wish for you is that this Christmas season of 1943 be the most memorable you have ever known.

Roy Baskin
CITY ATTORNEY
CAMERON

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, but Christmas remains unchanged—the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

Homer Nabours
COUNTY CLERK
MILAM COUNTY.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football, please don't forget daddy and mother and my two little brothers.
Robert J. Halpain.

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Dear Santa Claus:
If you think I have been good enough, please bring me a WAC suit and a pair of boots and a doll and a pinao and candy and nuts. Please remember all the children in all the world.
Your Pal,
Diedra Denson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Thought I would write and tell you what I would love to have for Christ- me a football as I have been a very me a football as have been a very good boy.
With love,
James Vannatta.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a army tank, a pistol and some tinker toys. I want a scabbard and belt to carry by pistol in. I want a blackboard. I guess that will be all. Thank you.
Buddie Mitchell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, and a pair of house shoes for mother.
Lou Anna Brock.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll, a little regrigerator and some dishes, of course, I'll be expecting candy, fruit and nuts. Thank you.
Your little friend,
Barbara Faye McDonald.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I am in the first grade. I want you to bring me a doll, tricycle, and a new color book. Be sure you don't forget to bring plenty of candy, fruit and nuts.
Your friend,
Doris Sanders.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a wagon, nuts, candy and fruit.
John Bennett.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am 7 years old, and in the first grade. I like to go to school. I love my teacher and my class mates. Please bring me a doll, a blackbord, some comic picture puzzles and lots of fruit. Don't forget my sister and brother. Also mother and daddy.
I love you Santa,
Nadine Conner.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll. would like to have a cradle and a play refrigerator too. I want a set of dishes too. I would like very much to have a sweater and a pair of slacks and a pair of knee-length stockings. I want some new hair ribbons too. I want some nuts and a little candy too. I'm in the first grade and am 6 years old.
Billie Rue Price.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please try to carry toys to all the poor little children in the countries where there is a war. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a table, and two chairs, a doll bed and toy. I have been a good girl.
Pat Stufflebeme.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am ten years old. Thank you for the presents you gave me last Christmas.
This year I want a bracelet and a volley ball and some candy and fruit.
Your friend,
Doris June Cluck.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old and not going to school, but would like to very much. I am staying patient until next year. I can print my name under some one elses writing.
I thank you for the things you brought me last year and you may bring me anything you have for me, but I would like to have a pretty doll and lots of fruit.
Your little friend,
Wilma Faye Baldridge.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I thank you again for the gifts you brought me last year. But I am not expecting as much this year because we are engaged in another cruel war which no one likes.
You may bring me anything you have for me. I want the orphan children to have the most pretty gifts to make them happy.
Love,
Edith Lee Baldridge.
P. S.—Help yourself to mother's cakes.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football, and a pair of gloves and remember all the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Charles Claxton.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy and I want a football, a cap, a pair of shoes, and fruit and candy.
Your friends,
Raymond Percy.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Santa, I want play car, the kind that winds up and some marbles.
Thank you,
Frank Monroe Baker.

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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I am fine. Please send me a football, a model air plane, a wooden machine gun and an army set. That is all I want, but please give me a little fur coat and car. I want to thank you for what you sent me last year. Please let the air planes go all around the world this year.
Your friend,
Elby Fikes.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fountain pen, a billfold, some fruit, candy and nuts. And don't forget to bring my little sister a doll with hair, fruit and nuts.
Yours truly,
G. B. McDermott.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of boots, chaps, foot-ball, a typewriter and one game. I want some candy, nuts and fruit, if there is enough to go around.
Your friends,
Barbara Ann Jenness.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a scabbard and gun, an army doctor set, and a model airplane.
Your friend,
Barclay Brady.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 11 years old. For Christmas I want a very good book to read about a prince. Please send me a music book, that I can play out of. I want some fruit too. Remember all the children and my brother too.
With love,
Dorothy Jean Shoaf.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I decided what I want for Christmas so I will let you know. I want a housecoat and shoes and I want you to remember the little boys and girls that cannot have a Christmas.
Yours truly,
Doris Braden.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a magic slate, blackboard, tank and candy.
Love,
Joel Rex McClaren.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a rocking chair so I can help rock the baby and some dishes for my play house. Don't forget our soldier boys.
Love,
Betty Jo.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun. I have to learn how to shoot.
Good bye,
Leland Tindall.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll for Christmas and a little doll buggy, some apples, oranges and candy. I am a good little girl most of the time.
Jo Ann Stevens.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 6 years old. I do not go to school yet, but will go next year. Santa, please bring me a wooden air gun and a jeep and some fruits. I will put on the table some home made bread and some honey. Be sure and help yourself.
Your friend,
William Alvin Lesiker.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Good, All-Wool, fine tailored, right fitting Suits. Made-to-Order at reasonable prices.

J. P. Werner
Dealer for
J. L. TAYLOR & COMPANY
New York Chicago

MILAM THEATRE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 24 AND 25

CAMERON THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CAMERON THEATRE
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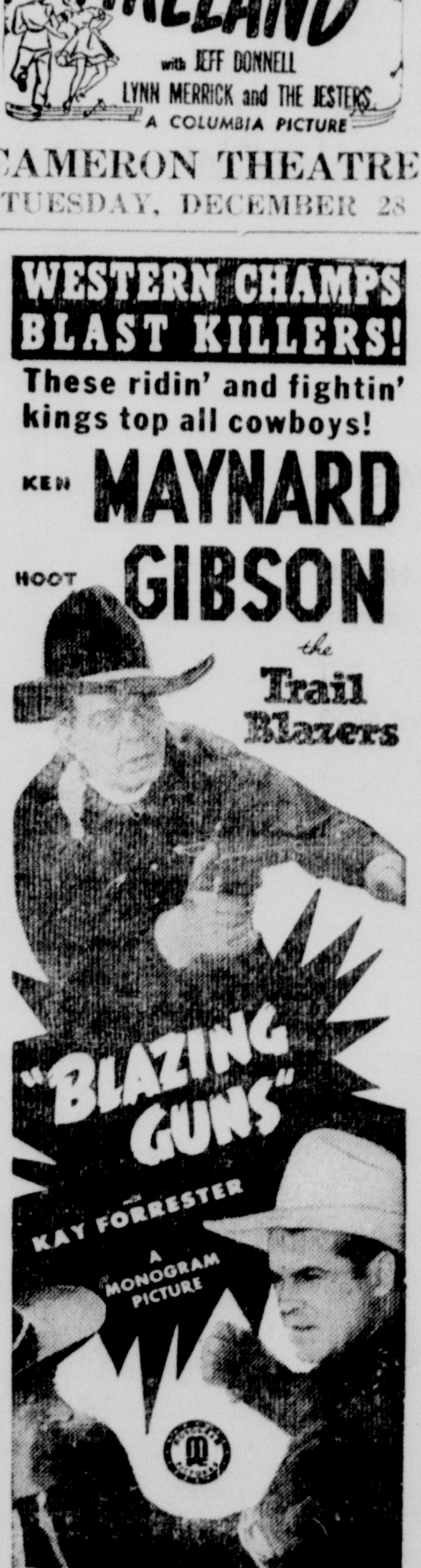
CAMERON THEATRE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28



MILAM THEATRE
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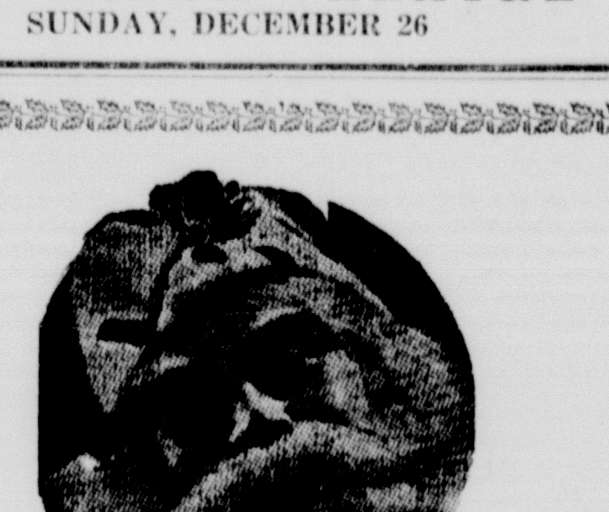


Cameron Theatre

Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24
"HOLY MATRIMONY"
Monty Woolley and Gracie Fields

Saturday, December 25
"HI DIDDLE DIDDLE"
Martha Scott and Adolphe Menjou

Sunday and Monday, December 26 and 27
"JOHNNY COME LATELY"
James Cagney and Grace George

Tuesday, December 28
"DOUGHBOYS IN IRELAND"
Kenney Baker and Jeff Donnell

Wednesday, December 29
"ADVENTURE IN IRAQ"
John Loder and Ruth Ford

Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31
"CLAUDIA"
Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young

MIDNIGHT MATINEE, FRIDAY DECEMBER 31
"CAMPUS RHYTHM"
Gale Storm and Robert Lowery

Milam Theatre

Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25
"COLT COMRADES"
William Boyd

Sunday, December 26
"CONEY ISLAND"
Betty Grable and George Montgomery

In San Pietro Fight

CAPT. CHARLES BEACHAM

Capt. Chas. Beacham Leads Company Into San Pietro Battle

Capt. Charles Beacham, formerly of Cameron, led a company of Infantry into San Pietro in Italy Saturday.

San Pietro was captured by the Americans in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. The battle began three days ago.

In the news dispatches covering the battle the following extract is reproduced: "One company, led by Capt. Charles Beacham of San Antonio, reached the edge of the town in the first drive but had to withdraw in the face of direct fire."

Delayed artillery barrage caused considerable casulties among American troops, as the Germans made three strong attacks with the Americans throwing them back but without aid of artillery.

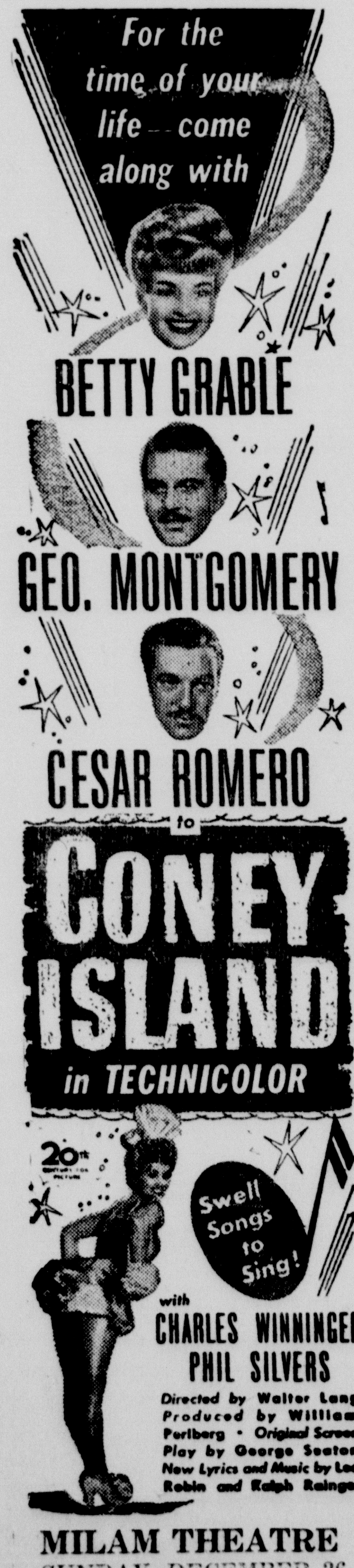
Capt. Beacham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beacham. He graduated from Yoe High School in 1931 and enlisted in the army in 1933. He is 29 and a veteran soldier.

WEATHER

Maximum temperature Monday 62 degrees, minimum Tuesday morning 37 degrees.

Noon forecast, Fort Worth Weather Bureau, East Texas; partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature except cooler in the north portion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mullinax visited in Elm Ridge Friday.



MILAM THEATRE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Christmas 1943

REV. GEORGE J. DUDA
ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

Christmas we celebrate the Birthday of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are all smiles, we have a Merry Christmas for everybody; we give gifts and tokens of affection to friend and foe alike. There is a general amnesty of hate on this great day, because the Divine Infant came to Bethlehem. Indeed He came bearing in his tiny hands a gift which the mightiest of each Chritian could never hope to bear, His gift was the gift of Peace, that Peace which Jesus brought to earth naturally is not an enforced one, as no one is compelled to accept it, but each Christian is happy only, when he does accept it.

And that is as it should be. Is it not the greatest day of the year? Isn't it Christ's Birthday? Christ—Our Father, Our God, our Creator, Our Lord and Master—do we think of these things on Christmas Day?

But the 26th of December, the Day after, dawns with a coldness in our eye, mind and heart that is utterly pagan. Where is the peace, the kindness, the good-will of yesterday? Yes, it is gone only to be recalled and ground out on the advent of another Christmas.

If people were every day like they are on Christmas, there would be no wars, no contempts, no hates; there would be an all-pervading peace and all could live as Christ wished us to live. Let us pray frevently to the Divine Infant, asking Him in His mercy, to restore reason to the nations of the world; that they may return to their religious ideals and their God, before it is to late.

Yes, Christians should celebrate the Birth of Christ every day—yes, every minute of each day. Not just only on one day—the 25th of December. We Christians should celebrate Christ's birth every second of our lives, for did not Christ, through becoming Man and being born as any other man, give us all we have and all we hope for? Therefore, lets begin to celebrate Christmas Every Day, in every city, in evry town, and in every hamlet in the U. S. A. . . . Hate would then naturally have to take a back Seat.

A Citizens Pledge In Wartime America

"I pledge myself to the common cause by eager submission to any sacrifice that hastens victory."

JOE D. BASS

Electrical Contracting and Repairing

PHONE 418.

CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
DECEMBER 23 AND 24

Miss Gertrude Batla has returned from Beaumont where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bennie Salach, who has undergone an operation and was confined to her bed for a month. Mrs. Salach will be remembered as the former Miss Louise Batla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pack of Austin are here to visit friends and relatives over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Frank Solomon and son of Gainsville, are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. R. Jackson, Jr., and husband for a few days.

Just a line to extend to you our sincere thanks for your patronage in 1943, and to wish you and yours a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. Remember, we are always at your service.

Leila M. Woolley

INSURANCE

Life—Sickness—Accident.

DOSS-PARTEE

George J. Partee and Miss Nellie Louise Doss were united in matrimony Saturday night, December 18th at 8 o'clock at the home of Judge and Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp, the Judge reading the ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doss of Gay Hill, a well known farmer of that community. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brannon. Mr. Brannon is in the Navy in San Francisco, but was home for the wedding and to spend a few days with home folks.

Mr. Partee is connected with the Little Ice Company here.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 20, 1860—South Carolina secedes from Union.

Vince Krupicka of Buckholts was a business visitor in Cameron on Monday.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Morning Glory Mattress only	$35.25
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★ The first Union Flag of 13 stripes was unfurled by George Washington on New Year's Day, 1776. This is another good reason for rejoicing at this time, for Old Glory is a symbol of freedom wherever it waves.

So, Happiest New Year to you, and God bless you, one and all!

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Stewart's Grocery

ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1944 IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENVISION A BETTER WORLD . . . "A WORLD WHICH SHALL AFFORD TO ALL NATIONS THE MEANS OF DWELLING IN SAFETY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH WILL AFFORD ASSURANCE THAT ALL MEN IN ALL LANDS MAY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT." MAY GOD SPEED THAT DAY, WE PRAY, AS WE SEND YOU OUR NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

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Christmas 1943

CHRISTMAS 1943

By KEENER R. ISBELL

Pastor First Methodist Church

As we come again to the Mid-Year Holiday Season, may the Angel—Song that proclaimed the Savior's birth sound above the noise of our world. May this Christmas with its starry sky and holy stillness lift your hearts high and bring you the faith and love and peace, that dwelt beneath the star of Bethlehem when the angels announced the birth of Jesus. As the wise men journeyed from a far country, led by the light of a bright star, so may this day bring you to Him who is our stay and hope of the world.

These are momentous days for our country and for our world. We are being tested by adnormal and swift changing conditions. May we be given wisdom and help above ourselves and faith which sees beyond the murky confusion of today to the coming of a better tomorrow.

May our every talent be dedicated for bringing in of a better day when righteousness and justice and findelity and love may unite mankind and when the strength of nations will be expended, not in going backward and downward to the jungle, but in going forward and upward to the heights of a redeemed and righteous world.

Five Song Salute To Armed Forces In Paramount Film

A high note in music is reached in Paramount's salute to the armed forces, "Salute For Three," the melodious romantic comedy starring Betty Rhodes and MacDonald Carey which comes to the Cameron Theatre December 22.

There are five hit songs in the picture, some of which you've probably heard and are humming and whistling by now. Written by Jule Styne and Kim Gannon are "Don't Worry," "What Do you Do When It Rains?" "My Wife's a WAAC" and "I'll Do It for You." A thrilling marching song, "Left-Right" stems from the combined talents of Jule Styne, Kim Gannon and Sol Meyer.

Betty Rhodes, lovely singing star of screen and radio, warbles three of the tunes. The others are sung by Cliff Edwards, complete with ukelele, and vivacious little Dona Drake who appears in the film as the leader of an all-girl band, a role in which she is very much at home, having conducted just such a band before becoming a screen star, under the name of Rio Rita.

Mrs. F. G. Blake, Mrs. Gene Blake and baby Glenn and Mrs. Bertha Kurtzmann are visiting friends and relatives in Austin.

Mrs. Myles Peeler of Buckholts was a business visitor on Friday.

MILAM THEATRE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DEC. 31 AND JAN. 1

MILAM THEATRE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 24 AND 25

REV. C. W. SANDERS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS THEN AND NOW

In the nativity story, we read how the Magi, foiled Herod, and covering much distance came to Christ. At the manger they fell down and worshiped and presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The chief thing for which these men are forever to be remembered is that they came by God's light to the manger to receive the "Light of the World." Herod, a gangster world, the Devil or nothing else coudd interfere.

Today as we come with heavy hearts to a Christmas in a gangster's world, it is well to remember that Jesus was born in gangster's world. Hate, malice, and cruelty were on the throne when Jesus was born. Refugees were fleeing for their lives then as now. In all this a few of God's own were true. Love was expressed in the hearing of his words, and love was expressed in service for Him. God grant that in our hearts we may have the spirit of the Magi as we come to observe the birthday of our Savior.

REV. JOHN C. SOLOMON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nearly nineteen hundred fifty years ago a grand and glorious sight chased the drownsiness of a group of poor shepherds, near the City of Bethlehem. What a mighty refrain broke the silence of those Judean hills when across the night air came those angel voices singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace among men in whom He is well pleased." Rich and poor, great and small have envied those humble shepherds to whom was announced the birth of the Saviour of the world.

To some at this Christmas time the peace of which the angels sang seems to be an elusive thing. For this is truly a cruel and unpeaceful world on which we find ourselves today. Many of us find little heart to sing Christmas carols when the hatred which has engulfed the world is clutching at the very life strings of our loved ones. However, the soul which has found the peace of God through a Saviour can understand the message of the angels. May that peace overwhelm every other thought in the mind of every Christian at this Christmas season. And may the New Year bring a brighter ray of hope to us all.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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J. M. BROSS BURIED IN SALEM CEMETERY

Funeral services for J. M. Bross, 61, who died in Austin on Monday, December 13, 1943, were held at the Salem church Wednesday, December 15th with Rev. C. W. Sanders, Pastor First Baptist Church, conducting the services.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Salem with the Coleman Funelar Home directing arrangements.

Mr. Bross formerly lived here. He is survived by one brother, Guy Bross of Cameron. No information was available regarding other surviving relatives.

STILL FREEZES

Low temperature Friday morning was 24 degrees and the high on Thursday was 43. Freezing temperatures are due again tonight with the weather much warmer by Sunday.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 17, 1941—Admiral Kimmel and General Short custed from Hawaiian commands.

Sgt. William Waggoner who is stationed at Camp Hood is visiting his wife in Cameron. She is the former, Miss Mildred Ditto.

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Ed. Gunn

CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MILAM COUNTY

Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Milam County Abstract Co.

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CAMERON

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS
FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the third grade. I am nine years old. I go to St. Anthony School. Will you please bring me a stretchable bracelet, a ball bat, and a ring, pencil box and a story book. Don't forget my brothers overseas and all the other little children and soldiers. Bring me some candies and fruits.

Your friend,
Rosalie Tomck.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a dart board and some darts to go with it. And I want you to bring me a story book to read, and so that is all I want Santa.

Your friend,
Mornoe Martimer.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want two sacks of marbles and a truck. I want it to be a big one, and please bring Elaine some house shoes. If you don't think I have asked for too much I would like a football.

With love,
Billy Hal Clifton.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade at school. Please bring me a little truck and a gun and an air plane, some fruit and candy. Santa, don't forget my little brothers and sisters. I would like a football too.

Your friend,
Marvin Rubac.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a truck and two sacks of marbles. Please bring my mother something that will help her to get well.

I am,
Billy Wayne Angell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl ten years old and I want a wood jewel set and a cedar chest and a card board paper doll set that you make clothes form them. Remember all little children.

Your friend,
Peggy Ruth Ingram.

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Dear Santa Claus:
My little brother Charles Albert wants a football. I a want some story books and color books.

Your friend,
Joe Lee Heitmann.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doctor set. My mother Mrs. Giles Burnett and my daddy Giles Burnett, I would like for you to remember them.

Your friend,
Aliene Burnett.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a machine gun, a football, and an air plane. Don't and daddy. I want some candy Re forget my little sister and mother member all the poor children.

Your friend,
Jesse Horelica.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a set of dishes. This is all I want but my sister wants a nurses set. I don't know what my mother and daddy want but please bring them something that you think they would like.

With love,
Rochelle Terry.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a pistol and some caps. I have a gun, but like to have some BB's I would like a cap with some ear flaps. Remember Evla B. and Marvin. I would like for my two brothers in the army to have some cookies.

Love,
Billy Ross Thompson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little girl only 19 months old but would like to have a doll and a little wooden pull train.

Please don't forget my mommy and daddy and also my three uncles in the armed service.

Your little friend,
Frances Marie Matula.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll buggy and a big girl doll with some clothes. Some nuts, fruit. Please bring my brother an air plane.

Joyce Wallace.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight year old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll and some little dishes. I want a dress and a bow of ribbon, anklets and some fruit and candy Don't forget my brothers, mother and daddy and teacher and all the boys in the service.

With love,
Betty Jane Janes.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a nurses set, fruit, doll buggy, a house coat, and skates for Christmas.

Your friend,
Dorothy Lee Eixman.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a cow boy suit and a gun and scabbard.

Love,
Billy Adams.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a ball and bat and a doctor set. If you could I would like a train. Please bring my little brother a cap.

I love you,
Wayne Fisher.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football, a truck and some fruit and candy. I have been a good little boy. Don't forget to bring my daddy, mother, and teacher something.

Your friend,
Louie Gereck

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll with light hair, and goes to sleep and cries, a little baby doll, some fruit and candy.

Joyce Marie Clark

Dear Santa Claus:
I am not asking for much in this war times. All I am asking for is a truck and a sack of marbles. Please remember all little children.

Bill Eichinger.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a doll bed, and a little dresser, a set of dishes, a little broom, and a mop so that I can help my mother keep house.

Jo Ann Biskup.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Cow boy suit like Emmetts, a gun and holster, a little train, an army truck with a machine gun on it. If you have a scooter left, please leave me one.

Love,
Jack Stone.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Paul Revere was born on New Year's Day, 1735. We hail that day! And just as he returned to his goldsmith's work, long after his historic ride, so will we return to the normal occupations of the ways of peace. That day we also hail, looking forward to it with renewed hope.

On this Eve of New Year, 1944, we salute all of our friends. Happy New Year to you!

W. H. Stafford

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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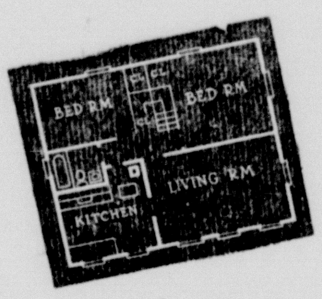

Signature

Sure, you're going to build a new home just as soon as the war is over! What do you mean, you can't afford it? You are buying it right now and don't know it, absolutely. How about those Victory Bonds you are salting away every pay day? Every one is a payment on a new home and when the time comes you'll have enough put away to plunk down an initial payment that will make paying the balance a cinch. Start planning now; we'll help you, if we may.

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★ From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

SARAH WHITE

SHERIFF

MILAM COUNTY

Have a Coca-Cola = Welcome home

... a way to revive old times

He's delighted to find his own room unchanged—everything just as he left it. He's pleased, too, to discover other familiar things, such as, *the pause that refreshes* with ice-cold Coca-Cola. This happy custom is part of American home life. Yes, for friendly refreshment nothing takes the place of Coca-Cola. *Have a "Coke"* is the universal invitation to relax and be yourself. For around the world Coca-Cola stands for *the pause that refreshes*,—has become the familiar greeting of friendly folks.

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'Silent Night'

"Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright:
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
. . ."

The Christmas carol which has stirred the world by the depth of its understanding, the strength of its emotional appeal and its simplicity of diction, was given to the world by a priest and the teacher in his parish.

Written for a Christmas festival in 1818 by Joseph Mohr and put to music by Franz Gruber, "Stille Nacht" was finished in a little village in Austria.

Received with delight by enthusiastic parishioners, this carol found its way around a world that seemed to be listening for just this echo of the angel song.

Gave Parachute Demonstration for Gen. Marshall And Anthony Eden; Injured, Recovers and Now Fighting in Italy; Ernest Glaser Writes

Honors, thrills and sacrifices have been the experience of Ernest O. Glaser, parachute trooper, who now fights in Italy. Recently he was injured while giving a demonstration in parachute jumping in England while General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff for the American army and Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, looked on.

After the demonstration both General and Mr. Eden wrote the parents of Glaser. The publisher has just received this letter from him in Italy.

Italy.

Dear Mr. White:

I received a copy of the Cameron Herald and read a story in it about me. When I received it I felt a hundred per cent better. It just makes a fighting soldier feel better. Excuse this writing for I'm not in a good place to write and want to get all I can on this V-Mail.

You had in your paper about me being in Africa and Sicily, well, I'm in Italy now. I've been here for some time. We jumped on Italy............I've seen it plenty rough here. I'm still all right so far. This old Paratrooper has done his part, and will keep on doing his part 'til the Germans are licked.

The story you had in the paper said my Commanding Officer sent my parents a letter hopeful of my recovery from the jump on which I was hurt. The letters were from General Marshall and Mr. Anthony Eden from England. I put on a demonstration jump for them at................ That was nice to get a letter from two men like that hoping for my recovery.

Mr. White, I would like very much to put that in the paper, want it to be a surprise to my family. And if it costs anything let me know and I'll pay for it. So don't disappoint me.

From a Fighting Paratrooper,
ERNEST O. GLASER.

LEGEND OF THE TREES

Trees that grace the home during Christmas owe their seasonal employment to a tradition that has been variously explained. One legend has it that when Adam sensed his approaching death he sent Seth to the Garden of Eden to obtain a bit of the Oil of Mercy. Seth's quest was futile, but he did manage to procure a seed from the Tree of Life. This seed he planted in the grave of his father. Thousands of years later, wood from the tree which grew out of Adam's grave, served to fashion the Cross.

HOLLY AND IVY

Holly and ivy, two plants which cover the walls of many a home on Christmas, were identified with the holiday at a very early date. Holly represents the master of the house, whereas ivy represents the mistress. Furthermore, holly was considered to be sacred and sedate; ivy was assumed to be a very riotous nature.

CAMEL DISTRIBUTES GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN SYRIA

Christmas gifts are presented by a camel in Syria. The youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men is called the Camel of Jesus. It performs the task each year of distributing presents.

Christmas Gifts Unknown In Most European Nations

Outside of England and the Teutonic countries, Christmas gifts are unknown in the Old World. In Latin countries, including France, gifts are exchanged on New Year's day.

In England, usually on the first weekday after Christmas, "Boxing day" is observed. Packages, small gifts, and gratuities are given to postmen, errand boys, tradesmen, porters, charwomen, etc.

Good Example

Proving that Santa Claus is patriotic as well as generous, he places a pair of war bonds in this well-filled stocking. More and more people are giving war bonds as Christmas presents, thus aiding their country's war efforts as well as simplifying their yule shopping.

Night Before Christmas

Now I lay me down to rest,
Angels guard my little nest.
Like the wee birds in the tree,
Heavenly Father, care for me.

St. Nicholas

Florida, Minnesota and Pennsylvania have towns named after St. Nicholas, the Christmas saint.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards for greetings were not commonly sold until 1862. At first they were simply handwritten sentiments with the sender's name appended. However, as their commercial possibilities were unfolded, they were developed to their present form.

DARK CHRISTMAS

The sun does not rise above the horizon for a week in Iceland during Christmas season.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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To Our Friends Everywhere

Earth's Greatest Mission is Service to Human Kind. The lesson of Christmas is Service, Good Will and Friendship.

In the shadow of war which has fallen across our happy land we send these greetings in the Hope you may find blessings at Christmas time you so well deserve. In the New Year may you find Peace and Plenty and enjoy Good Health.

During the year our thoughts have been of our friends who made it possible for us to serve. Through your confidence we found greater opportunities for service in 1943 and we are deeply grateful to those who have appreciated our effort and lend their good will.

Friends and neighbors at Christmas time claim our thoughts. May the candles gleam brightly for you and about you and yours abound good cheer.

In the New Year we will be striving to better our facilities for serving and to make Newton Clinic better and more deserving of your confidence.

THE NEWTON CLINIC

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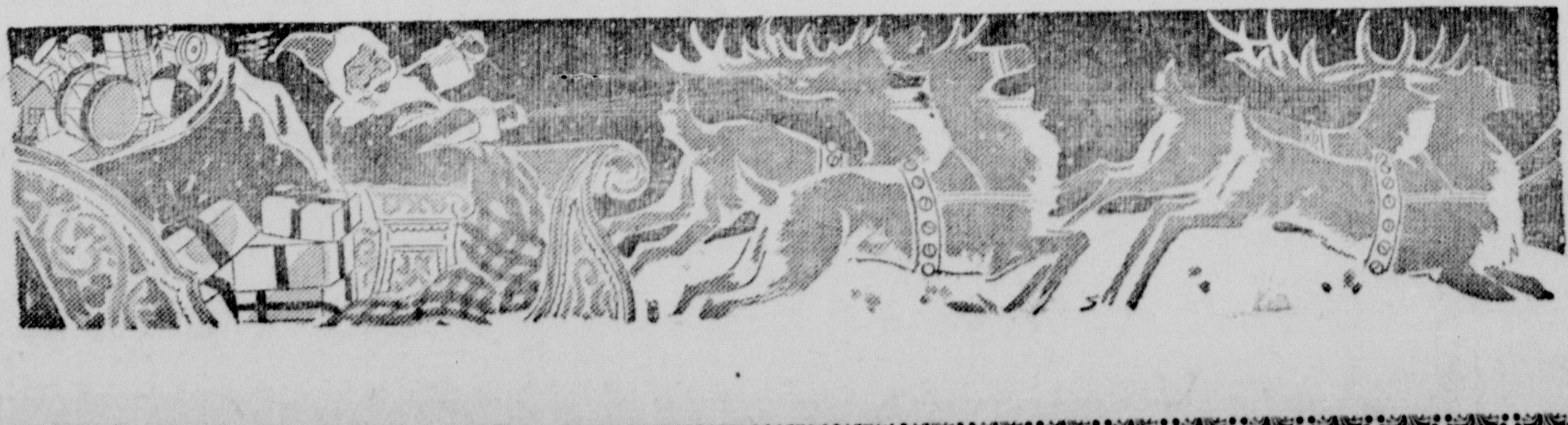

A Present for Bill

By VIOLET MOSS

CORP. BILL TRAVERS had tried not to remember that it was the day before Christmas. He'd played a game with himself, pretending not to notice the heightened spirit around camp. But he couldn't keep kidding himself when he saw the giant spruce being set up in front of the barracks. Today was December twenty-fourth, tomorrow would be Christmas and Norma hadn't written.

They'd first come to grips on their honeymoon. They had planned to take a short motor trip up north but, when they'd reached the point where they were supposed to turn back, Norma had insisted they go to Canada for a few days. Bill had tried to put his foot down, but Norma had argued and cried. When Bill saw her pouting, young face, so pale and set, his determination crumbled like a house of sand. They went to Canada; Bill returned to work five days late and had to look for a new job.

Despite that, he continued to give in, no matter how far off the beam she was. At first he backed down

Those had been the perfect moments.

because he loved her and wanted her to be happy. Later it was because he was afraid that if he didn't yield she never would and their wonderful marriage would end.

Seeing the boys on a ladder, hanging bright red and silver balls on the evergreen boughs, made him remember how much fun his three Christmas eves with Norma had been. The way she always laughed when he insisted on putting up the high ornaments with their rusty ice pick. She'd hold her breath while he teetered on a chair, reaching up to the tip of the tree to put on the silver star. Then he'd hop down.

"See, I made it," he'd say, handing her the old pick. "Now put this carefully away so I can use it next year." And they'd look at each other very seriously, kiss very gently and say very quietly, "Merry Christmas, darling." Yes, those had been the perfect moments.

One of the boys, a friendly chap from the Midwest, passed by and called, "Hi, Bill! All ready for Christmas?"

"Yeah," Bill said drily, "all ready."

All ready and no place to go! But that wasn't quite true. He did have some place to go, a lovely place. His own little home, only a five-hour bus trip from camp. But he couldn't go because of a foolish quarrel they'd had during his last furlough. And because Bill, for once, had refused to give in.

"Well, I'm going now," he said. Then after a moment of tortured silence: "Good-by, Norma. I'll have a few days leave for Christmas. Let me know if you—if you—"

She cut in, her voice sounding high and queer. "'Good-by, Bill."

The Midwestern boy came along again.

"Come on, the mail's in. Maybe we've got something." He took Bill's arm, pulled him along.

At the camp post office men were waiting eagerly for their names to be called. Bill was only half listening. He vaguely heard several "Thompsons" and suddenly he jerked his head in surprise, for "Bill Travers" had been called, and a slim package was traveling from hand to hand until it reached him. The neat, printed letters told him it was a gift from Norma.

Bill ran all the way back to his barracks and there, oblivious of the other fellows around him, began to open his present. Under the brown paper, there was white tissue and red ribbon, but no card. Then he burst into laughter. Then tossed the wrappings high up into the air and whooped, "Yippeeee! She wants me back!"

"What's up?" One of his companions came over grinning.

Bill grabbed his cap. "I've got to get a bus ticket in a hurry. My wife sent me a beautiful gift, and I'm going home for Christmas!"

After his hasty exit his bunkmate peered cautiously into the cardboard case and called to the other fellows. "Come over here and take a look. Travers must be nuts, getting so excited over a present like this. Why, it's nothing but a rusty old ice pick!"

McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Your friend,

Dear Santa Claus:
On Christmas, December 25, 1943, I would like to have the things that follow: A small doll, some war bonds and pretty baby clothes.
I hope you don't think I want too much. I don't want many things until the war is over.
Your friend,
Nancy Hearrell.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football, a Dr. set, a black board, two play cow boy guns, a telescope, some fruit and candy, color book, a book to read. Bertie Ray, my little brother wants a doll and a rattler.
Forever yours,
John Max Shuemate.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a BB gun, a box BB's, some candy and a play airplane. I hope it is not too much.
Your friend,
Bobby Huffman.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I want a doll and a doll buggy, and a set of dishes. Please bring my little brother a truck and sack of marbles.
Love,
LaVerne Dodson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a baseball, a bat and a mit, some clothes, and cap to wear on my head. Fruit would be nice, too.
Your friend,
Lester Joe McCulloch.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a volley ball and a fountain pen. I want a doll with curly hair, and some fruit and nuts. That is all I want for Christmas this year.
Your friend,
Nora Frances Price.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a baseball, bat and boots. If you can, bring me a machine gun, football and volley ball. Thank you.
Your friend,
Joe Villareal.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I do not want very many things this Christmas. I would like to have a football for Christmas and I would like to have a baseball. I have a bat, but no ball. I would like to have shoes, clothes and some socks. I would like to have some oranges, apples and candy.
Your friend,
Burrell Turner.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, rocking chair, jeep and anything else you can. Nuts, candy and fire works.
Love,
Gloria Blake.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a high chair, doll and please don't forget my Aunt Jo and Uncle L. B.
Love,
Elray Templeton.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would surely like a baseball with which to play. Can you bring me a train and a boat for Christmas?
Your friend,
Pete Moreno.

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Dear Santa Claus:
There are not many things that I want, but I would like a doctor set for Christmas. Can you bring me some fruit, candy and nuts?
Your friend,
Jo Ann Charles.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a baseball and a bat. I would like a football. If you can bring a red wagon. I wish you would bring it for Christmas.
Your friend,
Bob Louis Stone.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a football suit, a football helmet, and a war helmet too? Will you please bring me a bag of candy and some nuts, too.
Your friend,
Thomas Dusek.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a horse and saddle, some clay, nuts and candy? Will you please bring a ball for my cat, and a bone for my dog?
If you have gifts to spare, I think it would be very nice to surprise me with something else.
Your friend,
Virginia Graham.

Our Christmas Wish to YOU

Once again, as through the Centuries we welcome the advent of Christmas. Always at Christmas we pause for serious thought of Life and to inventory the days that have gone by with the Old Year.

Friendship makes up in major part the blessings we know as we labor together in this Vinyard here below. A true friend is a valued possession.

This year perhaps as no other year since 1941 we are thinking in terms of concern for others, the brave ones far away from hearth and home whose only glimpse of Christmas may come from a bloody field where Comrades have died that you and I may have a home and a mantel over which to hang stockings.

We think of our Customers as Friends—that friendship enters into every transaction day by day and we value business friendships as we do personal friendships and therefore our appreciation of your friendship and all it has meant to us leads us to wish for you and those you love, a joyful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with the better things of Life.

CAMP-BASKIN

"INSURANCE FOR YOUR EVERY NEED"

EMORY B. CAMP

GORDON BASKIN
With the Pacific Fleet

Gave Parachute Demonstration for Gen. Marshall And Anthony Eden; Injured, Recovers and Now Fighting in Italy; Ernest Glaser Writes

Honors, thrills and sacrifices have been the experience of Ernest O. Glaser, parachute trooper, who now fights in Italy. Recently he was injured while giving a demonstration in parachute jumping in England while General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff for the American army and Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, looked on.

After the demonstration both General and Mr. Eden wrote the parents of Glaser. The publisher has just received this letter from him in Italy.

Italy.

Dear Mr. White:

I received a copy of the Cameron Herald and read a story in it about me. When I received it I felt a hundred per cent better. It just makes a fighting soldier feel better. Excuse this writing for I'm not in a good place to write and want to get all I can on this V-Mail.

You had in your paper about me being in Africa and Sicily, well, I'm in Italy now. I've been here for some time. We jumped on Italy............I've seen it plenty rough here. I'm still all right so far. This old Paratrooper has done his part, and will keep on doing his part 'til the Germans are licked.

The story you had in the paper said my Commanding Officer sent my parents a letter hopeful of my recovery from the jump on which I was hurt. The letters were from General Marshall and Mr. Anthony Eden from England. I put on a demonstration jump for them at................ That was nice to get a letter from two men like that hoping for my recovery.

Mr. White, I would like very much to put that in the paper, want it to be a surprise to my family. And if it costs anything let me know and I'll pay for it. So don't disappoint me.

From a Fighting Paratrooper,
ERNEST O. GLASER.

STRAYED—From my home at Ad Hall, 2 weeks ago, reddish Jersey cow about 10 years old. Notify F. E. Jackson. 2-2tp

Rainfall For Year 2 In. Below 1942

Here is an interesting summary of the weather for November 1943, as compared to the similar period for last year, given by Richard Hester, local government observer.

Total rainfall in November 1943 was 1.89 and the highest temperature was 85 degrees on November 6. The lowest temperature accured on November 30th and was 28 degrees.

Rainfall in the first 11 month of 1943 was 26.17 and for the same period in 1942 was 28.31.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack!
WITH WAR BONDS

PROVE YOUR PATRIOTISM!

EMORY B. CAMP G. S. BASKIN

CAMP - BASKIN
Insurance
'For your every need'
CAMERON, TEXAS

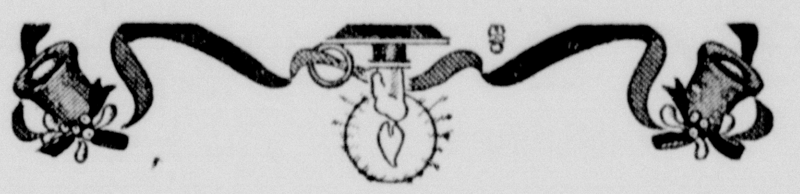
Sincere Wishes

JOYFUL CHISTMAS
and a very Happy New Year

It is with all the enrnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter into the spirit of this occasion with your loved ones and friends.

We appreciate your patronage and pledge anew to improve our service in every way possible to merit its continuance.

Cameron Ice & Cold Storage Co.
A PIONEER CAMERON INDUSTRY. STILL SERVING



Greetings

Bright as the blazing Yule which has cast its cheery warmth through the centuries—Christmas in all its brilliance is with us once again.

Hearts are warmed and spirits glow anew with the friendly thought that Christmas brings. Laughter and song accompany our celebration of the year's brightest day.

Christmas is a day we venerate and glorify. We greet it as a fulfillment because it brings the cheer of our greatest festive season. We hail it as a promise because it inspires the noblest impulses of human nature.

So we commend to you the spirit of this lovely season. May it direct and bless you and bestow upon you those things of your heart's desire which are best for you.

May the approaching New Year favor you with every happiness and the fullness of success reward your efforts in all your undertakings.

Marek-Burns
Funeral Home

Christmas
Season of Good Cheer

Christmas 1943 for all its deep meaning is no different from those of other years. Ever since the first Christmas the world has looked forward to its recurrence for the renewal of Spirit and Confidence.

So each year, for many years, we have sent Greetings to Friends and Patrons who have made our business possible. To them and to all the people we trust this Christmas may find you enjoying the blessings of the occasion.

War has come to the world and for the third Christmas in succession we have had to think of others away from home. May they have in full measure the blessings of the Season and their homeward journey be speedy with Victory and Safety.

A Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year To All

Cheeves Bros.
"ON THE SQUARE." CAMERON, TEXAS

Once Upon a Time

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, in the heyday of their once great empire, the Romans used apples, oranges and nuts to decorate their houses. They celebrated the beginning of their spring, called the Saturnalia, on December 22, and the symbolic use of fruits was their way of heralding the world's rebirth.

Oranges, to these early Romans, represented the sun; apples, the moon; and nuts, the stars.

And, according to legend, the origin of another food customarily found on our tables at Christmas is surrounded by symbolism. It was the now-familiar mince pie, and it was once baked in the shape of a pig (the "Christmas Boar").

The little pieces of meat in these pies symbolized the ancient sacrifice of flesh upon the altar. But the spices and fruits, truly Christian in meaning, represented the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child.

The plum pudding, too, once had a symbolic significance. To King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, the flaming pudding represented, according to legend, the "light of the world" made visible.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HAVE DEEP MEANING

Not many, probably, know of the deeper meaning associated with the three plants we ordinarily use for Christmas decorations, an authority writes. The holly has prickles and red berries. By the prickles we confess the bitter life of Jesus on earth. His watchings, His fastings, His weariness, His crown of thorns. By the berries we confess that He shed His blood for sinners.

The yew has little outside bark, but only a small rind, to teach us not to make a great outside show of religion; it is a lasting timber, sugesting the soundness of a Christian; it has many branches, meaning plentifulness in good works; and it is always green and prospering, even as the Christian should always grow and thrive in grace.

The laurel has the significance of victory. Jesus came into the world to loose the bands of sin and to ascend up into Heaven, leading captivity captive.

Santa Claus is none other than St. Nicholas, a Bishop who lived at Myra, in Asia Minor, during the fourth century. Bishop Nicholas distributed gifts to the poor and sweets to the children. However, Santa Claus, as we know him today, is less a figure representing the good saint than he is a symbol of cheer and good will.

TO THE PEOPLE

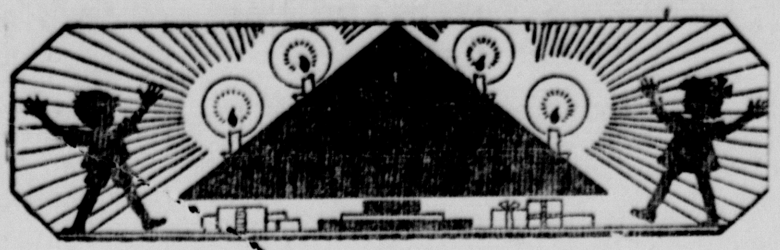
To The People of Commissioners Precinct No. 1, I send my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Especially do I wish to remember the homes who have sent their sons to war. This Christmas, the third in which our country has been involved in war, finds our people holding steadfast to the ideals for which we fight.

Not only am I grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Commissioner but honored to live among so fine a people.

W. E. Kuzel

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1



Sincere Greetings

Bright spots in a world cursed by war and suffering are the remembrances of those who gave us apportunity to serve.

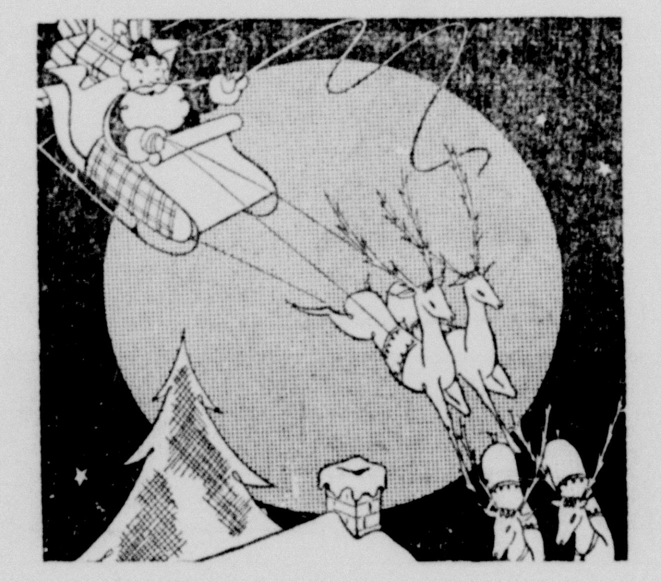
Values that live are the things we find in human kind, that express day by day the good philosophy of Good Will and understanding.

We are thankful for having had our share in the responsibility for a better community and a better world. How we played our part is measured by your estimate of us.

The records show we received a generous portion of your favors. We look forward to 1944 in the hope for better days.

The blessings of Chrismas are in the Philosophy it brings. The sordid things of life are put aside and the heart is rekindled again at the Shrine of Hope.

Comeron Macnine Shop



Greetings

In expressing our appreciation for your Friendship in 1943 we want most of all to say that because of you we were able to continue in business, to surmount many difficulties and to succeed.

Christmas brings an opportunity and the kind of atmosphere best adapted to an expression of thanks and Good Will and we want to make the most of this Season. We trust you may find Happiness and in the New Year the good things of Life.

This Greeting is made for the homes we serve, for the Friends of our Dairy everywhere

Chamberlain's DAIRY

PASTEURIZED MILK.

Sincere Greetings

While the World at large and our own country is involved in War we are free from the devastation it has wrought in other countries. For this land of ours we are humbly and deeply grateful.

For the opportunity to send Christmas Greetings and Good Will to friends and customers who made our business possible under trying conditions, we are grateful.

We trust this message finds you Happy and may the Season bring you full enjoyment and the New Year Peace, Good Health and Plenty.

W. A. L. ROBINSON

SERIVCE STATION

THE THREE WISE MEN

The three Wise Men are said to have represented, respectively, youth, middle-age and old-age. Likewise, they have been supposed to be the rulers of the tribes descended from Ham, Shem and Japheth. Of the gifts which they brought, the gold denoted His kingship, the myrrh singnified His mortality and the frankincense evidenced His divinity.

BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, established January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

KEEP ON

Backing the Attack

WITH WAR BONDS

MAKE A FACE MASK OF SANTA

Any bright boy or girl can make a large face mask of Santa Claus from heavy wrapping paper and water color paints. The mask should be cut from a sheet of wrapping paper, about 18 by 24 inches. Sketch or trace the features with a pencil then color with water color paints. Red should be used for the hat, white for the whiskers, blue for the eyes, and pink for the cheeks. Out line these colors with black lines and the mask is finished.

A Merry Christmas to all.

LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE

Mistletoe, the symbol of friendship, joy and peace at Christmas time, and used as part of our holiday decorations, is rich in tradition and legend.

The custom of "kissing and becoming friends" under a spray of mistletoe tied over the doorway or suspended from the ceiling can be traced back through the centuries to the days of the Druids of England. Even beyond that, the origin of the plant dates to the time of the ancient Greeks who used it in their ceremonies. Occasionally, mistle toe was found growing on an oak and because the oak was the most sacred of all trees, the Druids held it with special reverence.

Make it a thrifty CHRISTMAS — give WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

GREETINGS

To The People

For your kindness and confidence in me, I wish to express the thanks which I feel every day in the year.

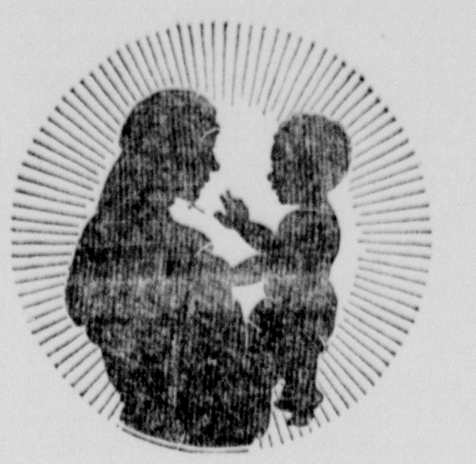
I know that Christmas cannot be as happy this year as it might have been had not our country become involved in war. To the homes whose sons are away I send my especial Good Wishes.

May Christmas find each one blessed as only such a Season can make happy and in the New Year may each one receive in generous measure the Peace and Plenty I hope for them.

I will always be grateful for your support and confidence.

BILL ALEX BONDS

ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES, MILAM COUNTY



Greetings

Christmas comes each year and renews our Faith in the ideals which in the nature of things are often pushed aside in the whirl of business.

Christmas, therefore is an arresting time, when we pause to stimulate and to renew our better spirit. We are thinking most of those who made our progress possible as we send these greetings.

To those who are on the battle fronts go our Best Wishes and may their return be rewarded with a better country the responsibility for which is ours during their absence.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage in 1943 and we look forward to 1944 in the hope of serving you again.

Retail Merchants Association

DELPHYA SCOTT, Owner. Cameron, Texas

Appreciating fully the generous contribution you made to the success of our business in 1943 we send these Greetings and trust that Chrismas may find you happy and the New Year bring you in full measure the good things of life we know you so well deserve.

This Christmas we think first of those who fight for this land of ours on the global fronts of the world. If we had our wish we would have them home to enjoy the warmth of Christmas time. We will never be unmindful of their sacrifices.

The year ahead, we trust gives us opportunity to serve you again and we pledge our share of Community Effort to make a better place in which to enjoy the blessings of Liberty.

Dusek Pharmacy

PHONE NO. 2. CAMERON TEXAS

Greetings and Best Wishes

TO THE PEOPLE OF MILAM COUNTY:

As 1943 draws to a close the record is one of great sacrifice on the part of the people of America. They have at stake the Victory which our arms must bring us.

Responsibility seems now to be more vital than ever. How we run the race, how we serve, will determine the value that time puts upon our day and generation.

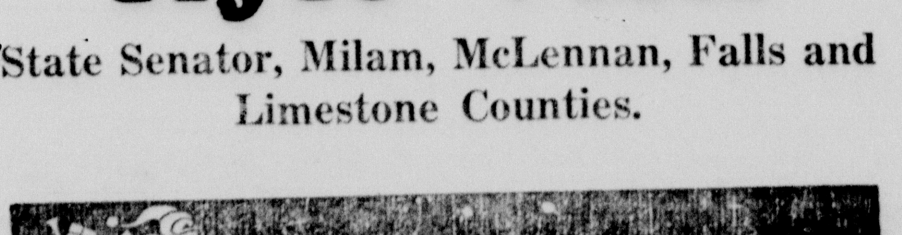
I can think of no age that has produced more heroic Americans. At this Christmas Season I am thinking more than than ever of the people of Milam county; of the splendid men on the global fronts of this war.

My gratitude is deep and lasting for the friendships, the loyal support I have received from the people of Milam county. Chrismas and the New Year will be a time when I dedicate my best efforts to repay you for your kindness.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, is my wish.

Kyle Vick

State Senator, Milam, McLennan, Falls and Limestone Counties.



Squadron Commander

MAJOR THOMAS J. WHITE

CAMERON MARAUDER PILOT IS DECORATED

Maj. Thomas J. White, B-26 Marauder pilot, based in England, has been decorated for exploits in combat in the European area.

On November 9th Maj. White was promoted from the rank of Captain. He has received the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, representing successful combat missions.

Maj. White was born in San Antonio, reared in Cameron and a Rice Institute graduate. He entered the army in February 1941, a volunteer. His initial assignment was the Medical Corps at Fort Sam Houston and from there enlisted as a cadet in the Army Air Corps, gratifying a life long ambition to become an airman. He obtained his primary training at Muskogee, Oklahoma, then was sent to Randolph Field for basic and to Ellington Field for advanced training and to get his wings.

Maj. White reported to Jackson Air Base at Jackson, Mississippi, for his first assignment and spent a year as an instructor, being based at MacDill Field at Tampa, Florida, a B-26 Marauder camp. Looking forward to combat duty he volunteered for foreign service and went overseas in April 1943, in a Marauder Group commanded by Col. Lester J. Maitland, world famous flyer and veteran of the Philippines campaign.

The Air Medal is awarded for the required number of successful missions over the enemy lines and each Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded for a specified number of missions. The first news of Major White's combat service came in a news agency account of the raid on St. Omer in France in August which he led, then a Flight Commander. He is 25 years old.

Major White is a graduate of Yoe Hight School, the son of J. B. White, Publisher, and Mrs. Leona G. White, member of the local school faculty. His wife, the former Miss Ruth Marek of Burlington, lives in Houston where she has a responsible position with the Southern Pacific railroad.

BLACK MARKET BRINGS BOOTLEGING TO CITY

The black market in whiskey has brought bootlegging to Cameron.

Two negroes have been arrested and fined $125 for selling whiskey without license.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Black made the arrests, finding the negroes with whiskey, bonded, which had been purchased from a legitimate dealer.

Scarcity of whiskey is making a black market and the advantage is high prices. The bootleggers buy the whiskey and resell it as prices reputedly as high as $7.50 per pint.

Investigations are under way. Whiskey is rationed and no individual may buy in case lots for his own use.

Beer also has been sold here at 35c per bottle on Sunday and other days by illicit dealers.

WALLACE
AND
WALLACE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Over First National Bank
Cameron, Texas

LIEUT. W. T. CALDWELL WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Lt. Wilma T. Caldwell, Jr., Army Air Corps, was killed in action it has been disclosed in a letter from General J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General of the army.

The letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Wilma T. Caldwell, Sr., of Cameron, telling of their son's death. Lt. Caldwell was a combat pilot and flew the B-26 Marauder, world's fastest bomber. His plane was shot down on August 22, 1943.

Here is the letter from General Ulio:

12 October, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilma T. Caldwell, Sr.,
506 West 6th Street.
Cameron, Texas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell:

It is with profound regret that I must confirm the telegram of recent date in which you were informed of the death of your son, Second Lt. Wilma T. Caldwell, Jr., 0-521569, Air Corps, who has been previously reported missing in action since 22 August, 1943, in the European Area.

Information has now been received from the German Government through the International Red Cross stating that he died 22 August 1943. This would indicate that he was killed in action, and it has been so recorded on the records of the War Department. If any further details are received, you will be advised promptly.

I realize the burden of anxiety that has been yours since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the corrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

I extend to you my deep sympathy.

Sincerely yours,
J. A. ULIO, Major General
The Adjutant General.

FOUND—Truck tire 750x20 mounted. Call Carl Black. 2-tf

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR GRANDMOTHER GRAHAM

On Sunday, November 28, a birthday dinner was given for Grandmother Graham, mother of H. E. Graham of Cameron in the Graham home here.

Mrs. Graham, now 89, lives at her country home near Milano. Her sons A. R. Graham of Milano and O. D. Graham of Thorndale were here. Due to a death in the family Mrs. A. R. Hensley, a daughter who lives at Tahoka, could not be present. A. R. Hensley, her husband, died and was buried there on November 24. He was a former Milam county man.

Mrs. R. R. Reagan of Tahoka, another daughter, also could not be here.

Mrs. Graham is a native of Milam county, born at Elevation. She lives on the old Graham homestead near Milano. Last year Mrs. Graham fell and broke an arm, otherwise she enjoys good health. Her husband died about 15 years ago.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

CASH for your used cars and trucks. See Hefley-Stedman Motor Company. 30-tf

A Citizens Pledge In Wartime America

"I pledge myself to the common cause by eager submission to any sacrifice that hastens victory."

JOE D. BASS
Electrical Contracting and Repairing
PHONE 418.

Sincere Greetings

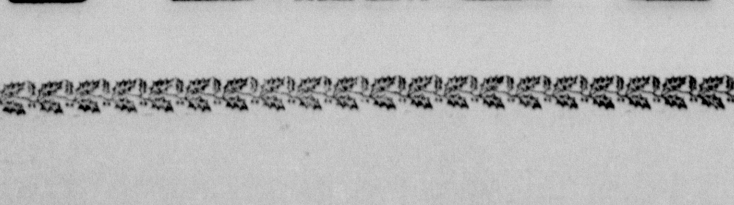
The year 1943 brought us an increased patronage and we wish to thank you for the share you had in the success of our business.

At Christmas Time when we all feel the blessings of what this Happy Season means to the World, we will not forget those who look up to the Star from fields that are strewn with sacrifice. In the New Year we will see to it that the country they defend in battle is kept safely for their return.

We are sincerely grateful to our Friends and Patrons for their consideration which enabled us to greatly increase our business. We trust each one may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Cafe

MR. AND MRS. BEN KENNON. Cameron



The Year That That is Passing

It is sometimes the practice to look upon the passing of the Old Year with gladness. Not so with us, for in 1943, there came our way a generous measure of your patronage and while we know that in the New Year we will have opportunity to serve you again, still we cling to the happy days that were ours in 1943.

Since it is not possible for us to see each one and thank them individually we use the printed page to carry our message of Appreciation and Good Will.

The Old Year brought sacrifices, it is true, but we think not so much of the things we did here, but rather of the things they do over there; the splendid, fine men who fight that our common country may survive and continue its destiny of inspiration to all peoples.

We are glad to have had a share in the work at home; that our products found their way into the essential war industries here and elsewhere and that many more gave us the privilege of serving.

We assure you this message comes from the bottom of our hearts. Please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mack's Oil Company

CAMERON PHONE 180.

Qualifies For Pilot

CADET ROBERT S. HAYS

Cadet Robert S. Hays, former student at Schreiner Institute and grid-iron celebrity, is now at Lafayette College at Easton Pennsylvania, completing courses in special military service, having qualified for a pilot in the army air corps.

Cadet Hays, better known to thousands of central Texans as Bobby Hays because he wore the maroon and grey of the Yoemen in four years of Yoe High School football, is the son of J. R. Hays, Postmaster and Mrs. Hays of Cameron.

At Nashville, Tenn., he qualified for pilot training at the classification school. Cadet Hays volunteered for service while a student at Schreiner where he played one season on the varsity as a half back. He reported for duty at Wichita Falls and then was assigned to duty at the Nashville school for 9 weeks. He was one of a hundred men to go to Lafayette College for special training.

Hays is 19 years old and has been in service a year. He gratifies an ambition of a lifetime to fly and like many young Americans will soon match his wings against the Eagles of the Air.

His father was in the Navy Air Corps as a gunner in World War No. 1.

Cameron Girl Reports for Duty as Seaman

Helen Huth Gregory, 20, Seaman Second Class, of Cameron, has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School (Woman's Reserve) in New York and has received orders to report for further instruction at the U. S. Naval Training School, (Yoeman,) Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Seaman Gregory was employed with San Antonio Air Service Command prior to her enlistment.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 2, 1823—Monroe Doctrine announced by President Monroe.

WHITE GIRL WANTED—Top wages for really efficient girl or woman for general house work. References required. Room and board in Waco home. Write Box 29, Waco, Texas. 11-3tc

FLOCK OWNERS

Be Patriotic

HELP YOUR COUNTRY—AT THE SAME TIME—
HELP YOURSELF. STOP—LOOK—LISTEN!
—THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Are you getting the number of eggs you should? If not—there is a reason.

Are you feeding a flock that is infested with internal or external parasites, infected with colds or complications from same—Typhoid, Cholera, Pox or other diseases or conditions? If you are—it is a very costly practice, not only to you as a producer but to the consuming public as well, both the Civilian Population and Armed Forces who will suffer alike from the egg shortage if these conditions are allowed to prevail. It is very unprofitable to waste feed on a flock where any of these diseases or conditions are allowed to exist when this same feed could have been conserved to feed a healthy flock that would produce profitably. Rather than let any of these conditions deprive you of the profits that can be derived from a healthy flock—why not have these birds culled, removing the birds that would never PRODUCE regardless of how healthy they became and use the proceeds from these to help in conditioning the balance of the flock.

If you will come in and tell us your troubles we will be glad to arrange to inspect your flock, making post mortems where necessary and advise you of the most practical manner in eliminating your troubles.

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Local Phone 263. Cameron, Texas L. D. 14

Greetings

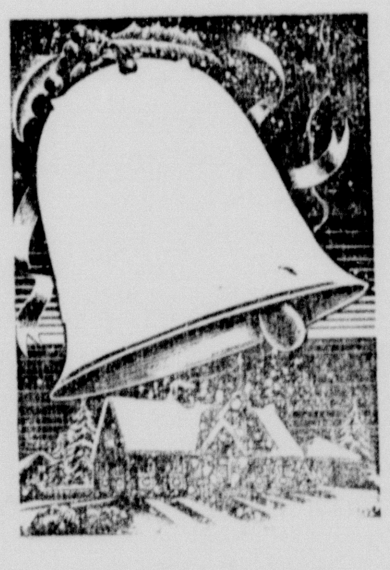
The year 1943 brought changes in the world and changes in our business as well. Out of all the experiences of the years which this Dairy has served you, we like best of all to remember how your confidence made it possible for us to succeed.

The time will never come when our Friends of the years will mean anything but the supreme value we place upon our experiences.

We trust this finds you Happy and enjoying the blessings the Season affords and in the New Year may you have prosperity.

Ford's Dairy

TELEPHONE 609 CAMERON, TEXAS



To The People of Cameron
Greetings

As Christmas comes and we approach the New Year it is well that we give thought to the better values of life which are Good Will, Friendship and Confidence.

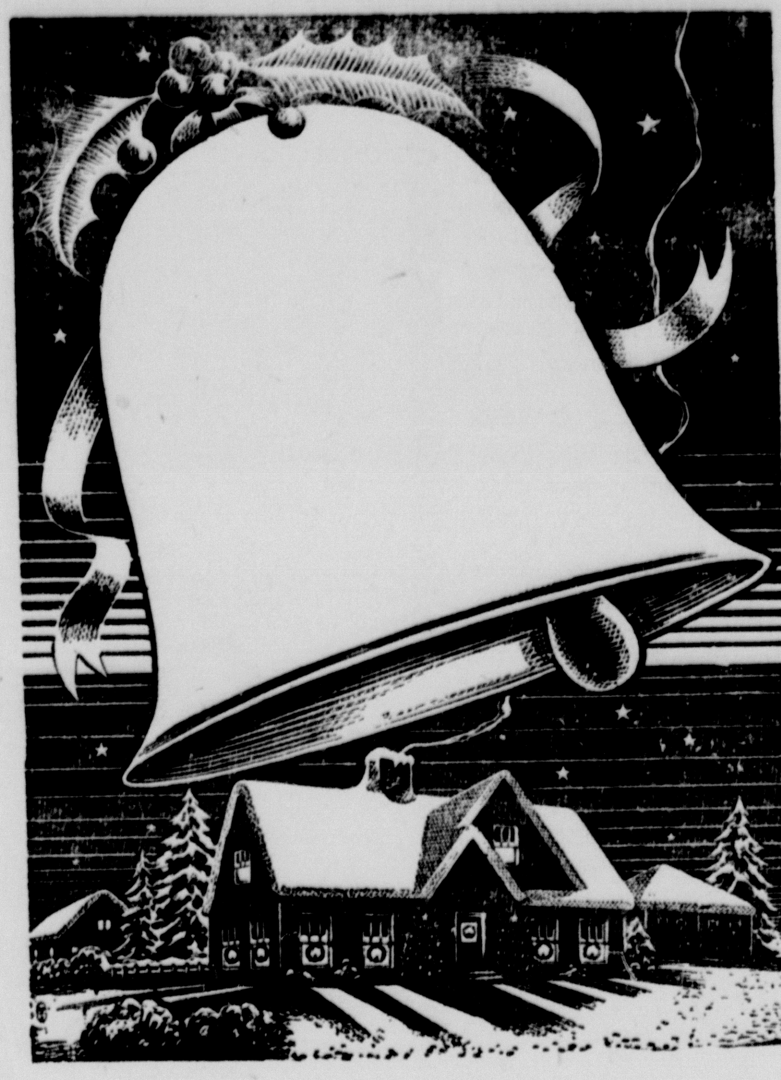
As Mayor of the City of Cameron the year drawing to a close has given me many opportunities to serve and at this Happy Season I want the people to know—each one—how deeply grateful I am for their support, co-operation and confidence.

This is my second Christmas in office. In the New Year as a people we will face problems at home and abroad. How we meet them will be the measure of our worthiness in the years to come.

Let us keep in mind good plans for our city, that in the New Year we go forward together in a common advancement for Cameron.

A Merry Christmas To All
A Happy New Year To All

LELAND GREEN
MAYOR, CITY OF CAMERON



LOOKING FORWARD AT CHRISTMASTIME

Since the birth of Revelation, the Star that first lighted the pathway of the Wise Men plodding through a Desert Night has continued to shine Brighter and Brighter at Christmas Time.

From the light of that Star, which is Hope men through generations, have drawn Inspiration and at Christmas Time, all are reclaimed in the enjoyment of Better Relations, Charity and Good Will.

To the Cradle of our Better Selves we always come at Christmas Time to find anew the Spirit and the Hope that compels men from the ends of the earth to put away false pageantry and to know the grandeur of Simplicity,

Written large upon the records of the year are the enobling manifestations of Confidence —the Spirit of Trust and the warming atmosphere of the Good Neighbor. Secure in financial strength and schooled in the arts of modern business, this bank can also feel happy that its place of service has been large in the community that first afforded opportunity for its founders to put into its foundation stone the ideals of Service.

If our inspiration leads us to mainfest at all—and certainly it does—appreciation for the things of real worth, we are placing securely in that vault which shall keep for all time sacred the tribute of your Friendship.

Each year at this Happy Season we go as far as possible to express our Appreciation of Christmas and we hope that our contribution may have some part in helping you and yours to get your full share of happiness.

The Supreme Lesson of Christmas we find in the faces of Little Children and in the glowing, expectant, youthful hearts that remain through all the ages the Shrine of Hope and keep alive the Blessed Philosophy of Optimism.

Somewhere in the great store house of the Santa Claus of Good Will, is a gift from us. The personnel of this bank will find Christmas 1943 more happy because of you and because of the privilege of saying with all satisfaction and sincerity, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

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ALVIN NOLTE, Assistant Cashier.
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RUSH A THOMAS, Director.

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CAMERON SHOPS BRIGHT AS XMAS SEASON NEARS

Despite the war and the shortage of Merchandise Cameron shops are bright as Christmas Day approaches and the spirit of shop early seems fairly well appropriated by the people.

Gift goods, hard to obtain at best, run much to the practical. There is a noticible scarcity of tin or metal toys. Most of the toys are of wood, with the exception of a few held over by Santa from last year.

Dolls predominate the toy departments.

In looking over the stores there is a surprising amount of goods, even candies are becoming more plentiful and what's Christmas without candy? Nuts of all kinds will be scarce and high as will be fruits.

Consumer goods, they say, will be harder to get in the new year, but at the end of the war supply will be accelerated by plans already in effect to begin immediate manufacture.

This year more than any other in the history of the country the necessity to shop early is imperative. Mailings are important to be done early and selection of gifts will depend on the supply and so the importance of early buying is apparent. Last but not least is the clerk problem. With the shortage of help late shoppers are in for a big disappointment. Shop early.

Once Upon a Time

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, in the heyday of their once great empire, the Romans used apples, oranges and nuts to decorate their houses. They celebrated the beginning of their spring, called the Saturnalia, on December 22, and the symbolic use of fruits was their way of heralding the world's rebirth.

Oranges, to these early Romans, represented the sun; apples, the moon; and nuts, the stars.

And, according to legend, the origin of another food customarily found on our tables at Christmas is surrounded by symbolism. It was the now-familiar mince pie, and it was once baked in the shape of a pig (the "Christmas Boar").

The little pieces of meat in these pies symbolized the ancient sacrifice of flesh upon the altar. But the spices and fruits, truly Christian in meaning, represented the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child.

The plum pudding, too, once had a symbolic significance. To King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, the flaming pudding represented, according to legend, the "light of the world" made visible.

Shrubs for McClosky To be Collected by 4-H Club Girls Here

The Sponsor's committee meeting of 4-H Club sponsors and presidents in Milam County, was held in Cameron Saturday, November 13, 1943, at 2:30 p. m. in the Court House.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Marvin Charles. The Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Massey, read the minutes of the last meeting Five sponsors, four presidents, and ten members answered roll call, representing Curry, North Elm, Yarrellton, Tracy, Ada Henderson, Sec. 2, Yoe High and Hayte 4-H clubs.

Three visitors were present: Mrs. Mabel McDavid of Tracy community, Lora Feed of Hoyte community and Mrs. Ed. Jones of Houston.

The 4-H club girls have been asked to help the Home Demonstration club women in collecting shrubs to be sent to McClosky General Hospital, Dec. 15. The girls and sponsors voted to give their full co-operation in this project.

The committee voted to give a party for club girls in the county who have completed all goals for last year and are 100 per cent. It was also decided that honor awards be given these girls and others who have done outstanding work throughout the year.

Miss Lucille Cook, the Assistant H. D. Agent showed the group how to make house or play shoes from crocker sacks.

The group then enjoyed a game called "Harvest," at which Virginia Bell Charles won the prize.

BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the eclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, established January 1, as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

The chief charm of Christmas is its simplicity. It is a festival that appeals to everyone because everyone can understand it. A genuine fellowship pervades our common life—a fellowship whose source is our common share in the world's greatest Life which was given to the whole world.—Kimball.

GETTING A SHOEFULL IN HOLLAND

Not on reindeer but on a white horse, St. Nicholas arrives in some parts of Holland, and instead of looking for stockings he searches for wooden shoes to fill them with gifts.

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SINCERE CHRISTMAS WISHES

In many places of Earth Christmas Candles will not gleam this year, still the Philosophy of Good Will, stifled by conflict, will come to those of our own who man the battle stations in this global War.

Here at home we have opportunity to put aside for a little while the exacting things of the material world and live again the spirit which Christmas, born of Revelation, left human kind centuries ago in Bethlehem.

To those who cannot be here we hold their place in our hearts that nothing may come in to share the solicitude we feel for them. To friends who through the years have come the long way with us, we send our greetings and to wish the fullness of Happy Christmas.

Whatever the sacrifices ahead, we shall make them together, our country and our community blessed with understanding and mutual Friendship and Good Will.

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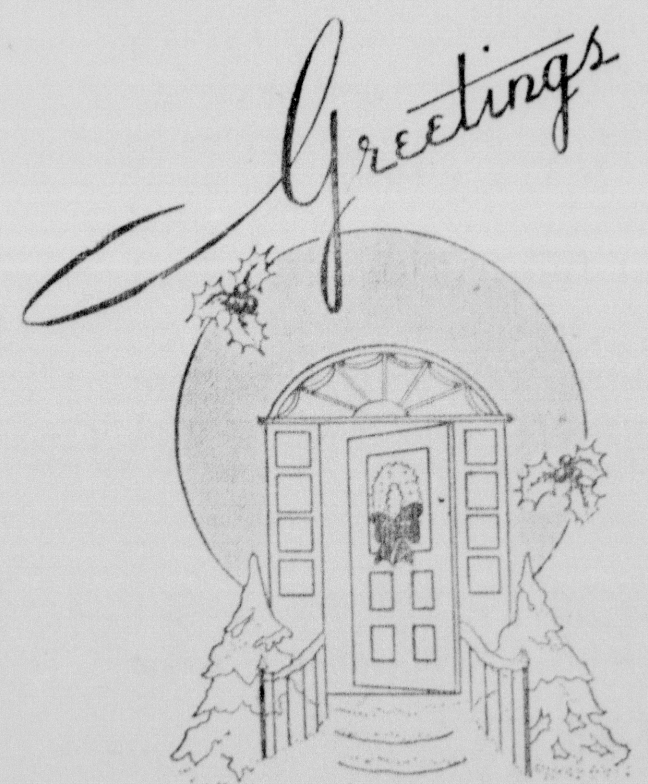

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and some model airplanes. I also want a daisy machine gun. Is there any chance for a new baseball bat?
Your friend,
Eddy Earl Lankford.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a baseball glove, a set of Uncle Wiggley and some fruit.
Your friend,
Walter Kelm.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a baseball and a bat. I need a basket for my bicycle, too.
Your friend,
Charles Chandler.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy ten years old. I wish you would bring me a baseball and a bat, a toy tank and some candy.
Your friend,
Bryce McClellen.

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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? If you can, bring me a baseball mit, a football, and a fountain pen, also some nuts and a little fruit. I will have some nuts and cake for you.
Sincerely yours,
John Burns Henderson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle, some candy, fruits and some nuts also? Please don't forget my uncle and cousin in the army. Don't forget my cousin in the marines. Don't forget the other children.
Yoru friend,
Clara Nell Wildgrube.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a blackboard. I want a watch. I want some candy and I want a ball if you can get the rubber.
Your Pal,
Georgie Lee Richards.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy nine years old. I wish you would bring a saddle and bridle for my horse, and a football for me.
Love,
Charles Richards.

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Dear Santa Claus:
If you think I have been pretty good and deserve it, I hope you will bring me a watch, a bracelet, a volley ball, a pair of socks and a ring for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Doris Pearl Segler.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a horse, a saddle and a bridle. I would like some fruit and a fountain pen, too, and anything else you would like to leave me.
Sincerely your,
Kate Paden McLane.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a baseball bat and mit, also candy, nuts and apples. Bring the other boys and girls some, too.
Your friend,
Darrell Shuffield.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a baseball and bat? I want a football and a hard base ball. Please bring my sister a box of stationery. We both want some apples and oranges.
Your Pal,
Glenn Rosenberg.

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Christmas Greetings

Christmas and the New Year are Seasons when custom demands that we speak of good will and appreciation. We like to think how much we owe you and of Good Will and Appreciation every day in the year.

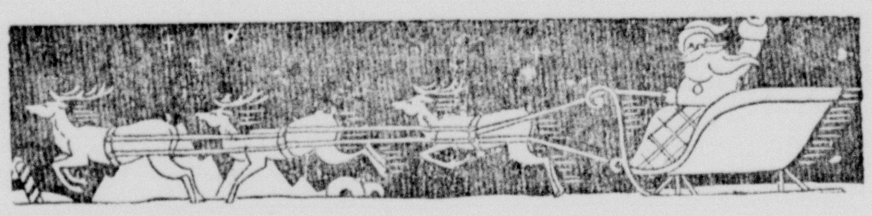
While we have sacrificed much and worked hard and the shadow of war has falled across millions of American homes, we still are the most fortunate of all the earth's peoples.

Sharing much in our thoughts are the brave boys who are fighting while we who cannot go keep the Home Front in order.

Not only do we send those who are away our Sincere Greetings but to you and yours go our thoughts at Christmas with thanks for the generous share you had in the success which came to our business.

If we could have our way your Christmas would be bright and the New Year Happy and Prosperous.

WLLIAMS, the Plumber



Sincere Greetings

Not even a world at war, nor the vacant chairs in the family circle for the duration can overshadow the coming of Christmas.

Like a glad vision of Happiness, it comes, and breathes into the hearts of all a fervid expectancy of Hope and Security for the future.

Life's most valued blessings are Friends and Friendships. That we have many gives us occasion to rejoice. It is a pleasure to send greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with the Good Things of Life.

May all the Peace and Understanding of the Glad Season be yours and may Victory and Peace come to us without delay.

GREEN FUNERAL HOME

CAMERON

SINCERE GREETINGS

As we come to the end of the Old Year and look ahead to the New Year our thoughts are divided.

We face the future with confidence and secure in the belief that we will have our share of your generous consideration. We look back to the months of 1943 and the blessings your Friendship brought us leaves an abiding affection for the things that have passed.

To let you know that we are Grateful is the inspiration of this message to you and yours. We deeply appreciate every consideration; the patronage which made our progress possible.

May this find you Happy. May the New Year bring Peace to our nation and may we remember each day to keep faith with the men who fight on the fronts and who cannot be here with us. Our responsibility is very heavy and we pledge ourselves along with you to meet every demand made upon us in 1944.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To All

Chas. C. Smith

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More PRACTICAL

by BARBARA ANN BENEDICT

THE trouble began at Christmas time. Rod Fairfaxe gave his wife, Esther, a nightgown. She knew he was going to give her a nightgown because the Fairfaxes were a practical family with a limited income and they always talked over such things as Christmas presents before they bought them.

It was black. Black silk crepe. It had doodads here and there to liven it up a bit.

Esther stared at it. "Oh, Rod!" she said, her heart sinking.

"Isn't it a pip!" Rod cried happily.

"It's a pip, all right. But—but it must have cost an awful lot."

"Well, as a matter of fact, it was a little more than I intended to pay, but you needed it and just this once I thought I'd splurge. After all, you deserve nice things."

"Yes—but—but—all that money for a nightgown and—now I can't have a new evening gown." Esther plopped down on the divan and began to weep.

"Be practical! You telling me to be practical and you go throw away

"It looks great," Rod said of the dress Esther had made over.

money on a thing like that when all I can do is wear it to bed! And I do need a new evening gown. I'm going to make a speech at my college class reunion in February and—and oh, I had planned on a new evening gown." She sat up, and became defiant. "And I'm going to have one," she declared.

Esther began weeping again, but it didn't do any more than provide an outlet for her bitterness. A new evening gown, she knew, was now entirely out of the question. Even if they could afford it she could never persuade Rod that she needed one to wear for only one night. Now, a nightgown, you could wear every night. More practical.

Relations between the Fairfaxes were a bit strained during the ensuing weeks. Esther trotted out her two evening gowns, one of which she had bought at a bargain sale a decade ago and the other which had fitted her fine when she was twenty pounds lighter. She ripped them both apart and made a single garment.

"Swell!" Rod approved. "It looks great. It does something for you."

"Among other things," Esther replied icily, "it makes me feel like the dickens."

Rod said nothing. He had been reading the papers during the past few days and had learned that this alumni dinner and reunion which his wife was attending was really something. Many of the girls in her class had married men who had prospered and were famous, and it occurred to him that, stacked up against these females, Esther, in her made-over dress, might look a bit dowdy. And if she looked dowdy that would reflect on him, wouldn't it?

Esther departed the day before the reunion and that night Rod read in the papers that, because Mrs. John Cannon, wife of the celebrated piano virtuoso, had agreed to attend, the affair had assumed the proportions of a major social function and would be broadcast over station ABC-XYZ.

So Rod, feeling qualms of guilt, settled himself in his easy chair the next night, tuned in and lent an ear. He got a big bang from hearing his wife's voice come over the air and at the conclusion of her speech he felt pretty proud. In fact, he felt so proud that he wished now that he had bought her the evening gown. He could imagine her standing up to the microphone with the eyes of several hundred fashionably dressed females watching her, feeling like a plugged nickel in her made-over thing. He began to think of something he could do to make up for the humiliation he had caused her.

Rod blinked again. Esther laughed merrily. "Darling, I went up there without my made-over. Imagine! So I did the only thing I could. I wore the lovely black nightgown, and it really looked stunning. Oh, Rod, you were right. A black nightgown is more practical."

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

JOB RECRUITING FOR NAVY ANNOUNCED HERE

The Post Office Representative will recruit personnel to fill vacancies left by persons who have been promoted or who have joined the armed services, December 17 and 18 at Postoffice.

Stenographers, typists, clerks, accounting and auditing clerks—who meet civil service requirements will be hired on the spot for employment

As soon as travel can be arranged, appointees will be transferred at government expense to Washington, D. C., to work for the Navy.

Applicants are assured that they can secure rooms in government dormitories which are arranged in advance; cafeterias, gymnasiums, planned recreation programs, counsellor service, parlors for entertaining guests, rooms for laundry service and other conveniences for $24 a month single room. Double rooms rent for $16.50 a month are available.

Applicants must be 17 1-2 years There is no maximum age limit.

Appointments will be made in accordance with War Manpower Commission rules and regulations.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Cameron, Texas, Nov. 10, 1943.

Nature's summons has removed from our fellowship a worthy and highly esteemed member of this Bar, Hon. A. J. Lewis.

Born on October 30, 1887, he was a native of Cameron. After receiving his earlier education in the elementary schools and in the High School of this City, he further developed his talents at the University of Texas, completing the law course of that institution.

He began the practice of his profession in the city of his birth, and soon took rank among the leading attorneys of the county. The public esteem in which he was held is attested by his election to the office of Criminal District Attorney for six consecutive terms, from which office he retired without offering himself as a candidate for an additional term. Consistently capable, and unusually strong as an advocate, he was concededly one of the most efficient prosecuting officers of the State. He was perisitently industrious, sincere of purpose and uniformly courteous, even toward his adversaries in the heat of contest, and these traits of character greatly supplemented his superior talents and training, and challeged respect and admiration.

The exercise of his talents and industry was not confined to the sphere of his profession. As a citizen he was public-spirited, a ready exponent in the promotion of civic enterprise and in the advancement of community life and of the peace and prosperity of the State. As a man he was an exemplar in Christian thought and conduct, a kindly neighbor, a loyal friend. In the forest of human agency a sturdy Oak has fallen.

Since he was still in the prime of active service, we are prone to feel that he passed before his time; yet we shall view his record in the light of his usefulness, and not by the expanse of his life. He lived "in deeds, not years, in thought, not breaths, in feelings, not in figures on a dial."

Closed is his career at the Bar of these temporal courts, but his spirit will grace the Bar of the Higher Courts, eternal in the Heavens.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Milam County Bar:

1. That in the passing of our fellow member, Hon. A. J. Lewis, the Milam County Bar has lost a most worthy and capable representative, and its surviving members are deprived of the fellowship of a companionable and highly esteemed associate.

2. That his departure removes from the sphere of earthly achievement a forceful factor in the advancement of community interests and of the public welfare, and deprives his fellow citizens of the companionship and support of a loyal friend and neighbor.

3. That this report be spread upon the minutes of the District Court of Milam County, a copy hereof furnished the Texas Bar Journal, and a copy furnished the family of our late lamented member, and that the family be extended the full and sincere condolence of the membership of this Bar.

Respectfully,
E. A. WALLACE.
ROY BASKIN.
JOHN WATSON.
O. L. KIDD,
Committee.

Capt. Robert Mayfield Reports for Duty as Chaplain, Fort Mason

Fort Mason, Calif—Captain Robert B. Mayfield of the Army Chaplains Corps, whose home is Palm Springs, Calif., recently reported at Fort Mason for duty with the Port Chaplain's Office at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Chaplain Mayfield is a graduate of Baylor University, class of 1926, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayfield of Cameron, Texas, His wife, Mrs. Gladys G. Mayfield, and three young daughters live at McKinney's Court, Palm Springs .Three brothers are also in the armed forces, Ralph, a captain in the Marines, 1st Lt. J. C. Mayfield and T|S Ray Mayfield are serving in the Army.

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With the world at war and consequent heavy demands on materials we need for civilian use it has been difficult at times to serve you. Your patience and consideration have been model.

We all are unanimous in our anxiety for those who are away in the armed services. If they cannot be with us Christmas our hearts and thoughts can be there with them.

May the New Year bring us Peace and YOU good health and prosperity.

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TO OUR PATRONS

Sincere Greetings

As we think of 1943 we feel deeply grateful to you our Customers and Friends for the share you had in the success of our gin plant.

We wish it were possible to see each one personally to say "Thank You" but such is not possible. In sending these Greetings we want to express the hope that the Christmas Season may find you happy and the New Year bring you a generous share of the good things in life.

We are thinking each day of the brave ones who are away on the battle fronts. Let us keep them constantly in memory and so work and serve that we may keep this nation well for their return.

To one and all, a Merry Christmas.

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Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends. Forget present difficulties and live again the Christmas of innocent and better days. Let it renew hope for the future, with a resolve that the best impulses of our nature shall assist the character building of the real lesson of the Christmas season.

Wandering Souls Entertained

It is still customary in Ireland to burn candles in the windows and set cups and saucers on the tables for the entertainment of wandering souls from Purgatory, who are believed to enjoy coming home for Christmas.

MANY CHRISTMASES

Christmas is located in Florida, Kentucky, Maine and Arizona. All are small towns. But on December 25 it is Christmas everywhere.

Merry Christmas to you, and we do mean you.

FRENCH VILLAGE PORTRAYS STORY OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

Les Baux in France, a village of Shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done it yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story. Joseph and Mary drive into the 'City of David" with real oxen. Thousand of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

WHEN PERE NOEL COMES TO FRANCE

A French Christmas is a children's Christmas. The French Santa, "Pere Noel," comes on Christmas eve with gifts to pack into empty shoes. In southern France the burning of the Yule log is a ceremony when wine is poured over it as it blazes in the hearth.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Happy Memories

Here's what went into a 12 pound Christmas cake in the happy days before rationing and scarcities, in case you've forgotten:

Christmas Fruit Cake

1 pound of butter or other fat
1¼ pounds of brown sugar
10 egg yolks
2 oranges, juice and grated rind
1 lemon, juice and grated rind
1 teaspoon of soda
1 cup of molasses
1 cup of black coffee
1 pound of flour
1 teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of cloves
2 teaspoons of cinnamon
2 teaspoons of mace
2 teaspoons of nutmeg
1 glass of tart jelly
3 pounds of raisins
2 pounds of currants
1 pound of citron
2 cups of flour for the fruit
10 egg whites

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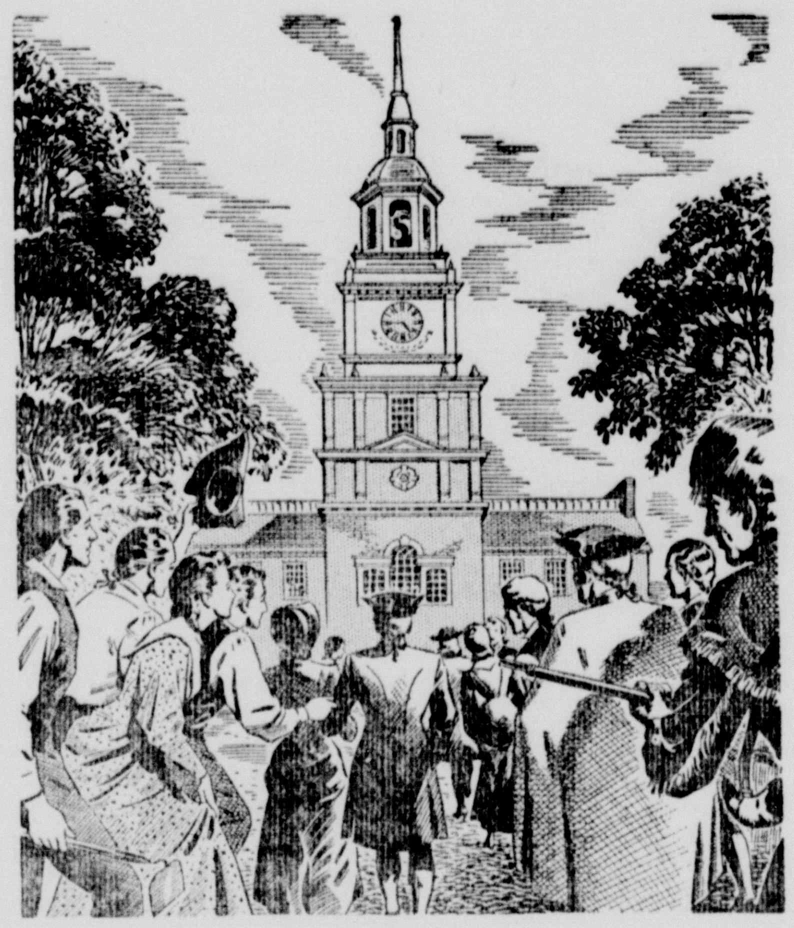

our Independence

Christmas 1943 finds us beyond the second year in the war in which we seek to preserve our Independence by fighting for it. How we have succeeded gives us a measure of happiness and confidence we have not heretofore enjoyed in the critical days.

There is something akin to Optimism in the situation today as we look forward to the days ahead. Courageous Americans abroad and at home are serving to inspire and to win. At Christmas time we are serious in our thinking. How much a part of our heart are those who look up to that Star from the slopes of death below, we cannot adaquately say.

For their safe return; for their success at arms; for the Peace they fight—all share equally in our Hopes for Christmas and the New Year.

While our first thoughts are for those who sacrifice, we want our friends and Customers to share in generous measure our appreciation for the favors and Blessings of the Year.

May Christmas find you Happy and the New Year bring you in full measure the Peace and Prosperity you so much deserve.

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WARNING

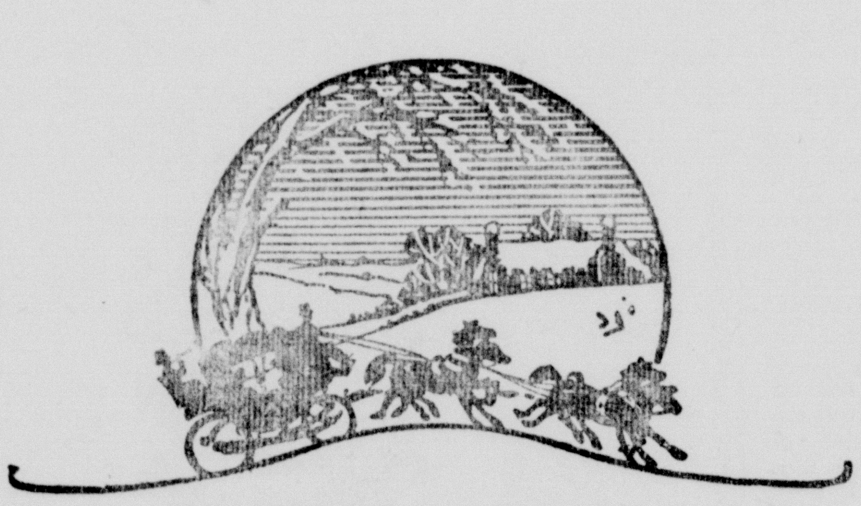
Do Not Shoot Fireworks In Fire Limits

During the Holidays it is vital to safety that the law prohibiting the shooting of Fireworks in the Fire Limits be enforced.

I ask your co-operation in carrying out the instructions of the City Council that the city be protected against Fire Hazards.

Shooting of fire works in the business district is prohibited by law and creates hazards and annoys shoppers. You are respectfully requested to refrain from such practices this year as has been done in the past.

DAN LUNSFORD
CITY MARSHAL



Christmas Greetings

Again and for many years past it has been our happy privilege to say "thank you" and to reflect upon the generous share of your patronage at our gins.

While we are at war and our thoughts are for Victory and those who Fight for us we owe something in expression of Good Will to those at home who have served and sacrificed. Also sharing in our gratitude are those who made our business possible in 1943.

Next year we will be here serving you again. May you be happy Christmas and in the New Year may Peace and Prosperity be your portion.

MATYASTIK & Sons

CAMERON CLARKSON

THANK YOU—
For Your Card

The English, compelled to make the most of every scrap of paper, have learned how to put their Christmas cards to good use. They send back to their friends the cards they received from them the year before, just scratching out the friend's name and adding their own.

Yule Card History

Although the first Christmas cards were printed in England in 1842, it was not until about 20 years later that they were commonly sold. At first they were simply handwritten sentiments with the sender's name appended. However, as their commercial possibilities were unfolded, they were developed their present form.

Yule Decorations

Smart Christmas decorations may be made from white birch twigs combined with white pine cones and sprays. One unusual piece consists of a basket made from white birch and filled with pine sprays, red berries and dried grasses.

DECEMBER IN OLD MEXICO

Travelers who visit Mexico City between now and January 6 will find this period filled with an almost continuous round of festivities.

This end of the year fiesta period is easily the gayest of the Mexican calendar. It begins with Guadalupe day, dedicated to Mexico's patron saint. Then come the nine days, called Las Posadas, prior to Christmas, Christmas day itself, New Year's and finally January *, which is the time when children receive gifts.

During this period Mexico City, always a fascinating place, receives additional color from the Indians who come to town by the thousands and do homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe. These descendants of the Aztecs display their basketry, fine Alameda, one of the capital's principal siler, tin, and leather work, and native pottery, on stands around the parks.

As a nine-day prelude to Christmas, the "Las Posads" symbolizes the search of the Virgin Mary and Joseph for shelter before the birth of Christ. Family groups, young people, and even social clubs set out with lighted candles to seek a lodging "for the Christ child." They are turned away from all except the ninth household, where they are admitted by prearrangement. Then dancing, dining, and merriment become general.

53 SUNDAYS IN YEAR

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939 and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Sincere Greetings

We send these Greetings in the shadow of War which still engulfs the world and holds many of our boys on the Global fronts.

This message is not the result of reflection upon material advantages which your patronage has brought us in 1943, though we greatly appreciate your patronage.

Human values mean more now than at any time in our lives. They mean more in the world and are about the only sinews that bind us together. To cement and preserve them is the purpose for which we live and serve.

With such friends as you we gladly take our place in the line of march to the New Year and whatever it may hold in sacrifice for us all. If among the things we wish we could choose for certainty it would be that those who fight for us may be safely returned home with Victory and Honorable Peace their portion. Then in order we want you to have whatever good fortune may bring.

To you and yours, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Markham & Son

Service Station

PHONE 753. TEXACO PRODUCTS

Sincere Good Wishes

TO THE PEOPLE OF MILAM COUNTY:

Much has happened in the world since a year ago when I was privileged as your Representative to send Christmas Greetings and Good Will.

Happily for us we still enjoy the blessings of Liberty here on the last Frontier of Freedom. The Victory which we so much desire and the Peace and understanding the world so much needs, seems nearer to achievement than a year ago. For this and for other blessings in the Year I am grateful.

As we look to the future we ponder how we may solve our problems. By the application of sober, good judgment, hard work and economy, we will determine our worthiness to have a part in the Post War World.

I will always be grateful to the people for the privilege of serving them in the Legislature. Your co-operation and help have determined the value of my service.

At Christmas Time may you be Happy and in the New Year may you have Good Health, Peace and Prosperity.

A. N. GREEN

REPRESENTATIVE 64TH DISTRICT

To Our Friends And Patrons

The Year 1943 brought us opportunity to serve and for the privilege we are deeply grateful. Your patronage made our progress possible and we want each one to know we appreciate their Good Will.

The Year 1943 brought us sorrow and sacrifice. In the faith and comfort of friends we found strength for the tasks ahead. We would be ungrateful if we did not express our gratitude and declare our willingness to sacrifice in the year to come in whatever place fate and circumstance may decree.

We are thinking of the men who are away at war and those they left behind. May this Christmas bring to each the Peace they so much deserve.

In the New Year we want the privilege of serving you again. We will always measure our consideration of you in terms of full appreciation for your many favors.

THE minute Tommy woke he remembered that it was the day before Christmas. And that meant —his breath escaped in a quick, white plume across his bed—Santa would soon arrive! The thought shot sudden warmth through his small body as he climbed out of bed and reached for a stocking. After supper he would hang one up . . . and, if it should have a hole in the toe like this one, that wouldn't matter. Santa, of course, understood why he had not had anything new for a long time.

"Tommy!" his mother's voice called. "Dress quickly, dear. It's very cold. That's why I let you sleep late."

Tommy turned and saw her watching him from the doorway. Her blue eyes looked tired, as if she had been up a long time.

"Mommy, will it be long before Santa comes?"

"I'll tell you about that later," she said. "Let's bring your things into the kitchen by the stove."

"I'm sorry there's no milk, dearest," Mommy said. "Maybe I shall hear from the agency today and get a job and—"

He didn't want to talk about milk, or Mommy getting a defense job, or even ask why his Dad did not come home any more. "Mommy, what about Santa Claus?" he asked.

So then she told him. He listened quietly, hot little tears burning his eyelids. She had told him the most dreadful thing he had ever heard in all his life. No wonder she cried, too.

"But, darling," Mommy said, wiping his eyes with her apron. "I have something nice for you. I was saving it for tomorrow but I'll let you have it now because it will

"Santa asked us to give you all these presents," the nurse said.

make you healthy and strong enough to be a soldier like Daddy."

She gave him a luscious, bright red apple.

Yes, he thought, if Santa had only had a mother who knew everything that was good for him, he wouldn't be so sick now that he couldn't go out with his presents tonight. And he would not be in the hospital.

Then a bright thought came to Tommy and he began to run. When he reached his destination he was out of breath. He hurried into the wide corridor, his small feet making silent steps on the heavily piled carpet which led to the reception desk. The white-uniformed nurse didn't see him as he stood there.

Tommy found his voice then.

"Look," he said, "I've brought a present for Santa Claus. Will you please give it to him?"

"Oh—er—is Santa Claus here?" the nurse asked.

"Yes," said Tommy, nodding. "My mother told me. He's awfully sick with a cold and can't come out tonight."

Then the doctor spoke up.

"Yes, darling. Santa is here and he's very ill." He leaned over and covered her hand with his. Looking straight at Tommy he said, "Sonny, you bet we'll give him your apple. I'll see that the rascal eats every bite of it!"

"And tell him to eat it slowly and chew up the skin. Then he'll get big and strong like my Dad."

The nurse put her arm around Tommy then. "Just wait here a minute, little boy. Sit here in my chair and we'll be right back and tell you what goes on in Santa's room when he gets your gift."

He was looking at the tree when he saw the nurse and doctor appear from behind it. Their arms were loaded with Christmas packages and they were smiling and hurrying over to him. There was even a huge stocking, running over with toys and sweets.

"Santa ate your apple, sonny," the doctor said. " 'Thanks a lot'; he said to tell you it made him feel so strong that he got right out of bed and went over to his closet where he had all these presents."

"He asked us to give them to you for him," the nurse said, "because he has a lot of business to do tonight at the soldiers' camps. He said you'd understand."

"Oh!" cried Tommy. "Gee!" All those wonderful presents when he hadn't expected anything. Wouldn't Mommy be s'prised!

McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:

Because there is a war on, we will not be able to get very much I know, but I think you could get what little I want. I would like to have another doll this year to save for a keepsake.

There are a few games I wish I could have. I want some tenpins, a croquet set, and a table tennis set, if you can get it.

I suppose most of my gifts will be clothes and those will be best for me. I would like to have a horse, but I am just thinking of it. Maybe mother and father will get it for me.

Sincerely yours,
Georgie Sims.

Dear Santa Claus:

Send me a pair of shoes, also some clothes, and a pair of gloves. Some candy and fruit would taste good.

Your friend,
Teddy Fletcher.

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Dear Santa Claus:

If you think I deserve it, will you give me a war bond and bring my Uncle who is a prisoner of the Germans home safe again. I want a By-Low Baby Doll. If you bring these I will be very happy. I am 11 years old.

With lots of love,
Jo Ann Crawford

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me an air gun, a bow and arrow, a baseball and bat, a glove and a box of BB shots?

Your friend,
Roger Roy Harper.

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Dear Santa Claus:

If you think I deserve it, I want a war bond most of all. It will help win the war. I want a basket ball too. I like to plan games too, so I want a game. I want a bicycle too.

With love,
Billie Joe Springer.

WHITE GIRL WANTED—Top wages for really efficient girl or woman for general house work. References required. Room and board in Waco home. Write Box 29, Waco, Texas. 11-3tc

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Mutt Price of Waco was the week end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cryer and family.

FDR says: Curtail spending. Put your savings into war bonds every payday.

Christmas Shopping

Despite the handicaps of War we have been able to buy a great number of practical gifts and we want you to have the advantage of selection.

Our store will feature as usual gifts that last and gifts that please.

The necessity to buy early need not be stressed because you already have acquired the habit under war times.

DUSEK PHARMACY
PHONE NO. 2. "WE HAVE IT!"

Seasons Greetings

We write these greetins, fully aware of the favors your patronage has brought us. For Friends and Patrons we are grateful.

We trust Christmas may find you Happy and the New Year brings you Happiness and Prosperity. To those who are away in War we hold a warm place in our hearts and send them a generous share of good wishes for a Happy Return.

OLDSMOBILE
A. C. SPARKPLUGS STEWART-WARNER
MITCHAN AUTO SUPPLY CO.
CAMERON, TEXAS
PHONE 166. NIGHT PHONE 742

Sincere Greetings

The gratitude we feel makes this greeting a pleasure indeed.

During the year 1943 it was a happy experience with us to have your patronage and your Good Will. Thus you shared so much in our progress we are deeply obligated to you.

That you may know how we appreciate your kindness and consideration, we send this message. May Christmas find you Happy and the New Year bring you in full measure the Peace and Prosperity you deserve.

To the homes with vacant chairs around the circle because of war we send an especial Greeting.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE
CPL. HARRY G. HARAWAY, Owner
CHAS. J. BROWN, Manager

That you may know him much we appreciate your patronage we send you Greetings of the Season and wish for you and yours a Happy New Year.

As we inventory the months just past we can think of many reasons why we have been fortunate. First we had your Good Will—an asset too valuable to price. Then we have had a generous measure of your patronage.

We are all mindful of our duties to those who are away and we drop a thought and a good wish for them. They fight for us and our duty is to abide by their interests and preserve inviolate what they left in our care.

When you come to celebrate Christmas our best thoughts will be there with you and may you have every good thing in the New Year.

Green & Boedeker
CAMERON TEXAS

"THIS 'peace on earth, good will toward men' stuff gives me a pain," Darl said. He laughed cynically, looking down into the girl's troubled eyes. "It gets me how you got hooked into it, Pam. Why don't you look the thing squarely in the face and realize it's the bunk!"

"You must be blind!" Pamela cried. "There are thousands and thousands of people who give things."

"O.K., honey." He smiled. "We look at it differently. The way I figure it, a man never does something for nothing. If he isn't rewarded with material gain, then he's rewarded by having his vanity salved. There's always a selfish motive behind a so-called act of kindness, no matter which way you figure it. But it isn't important. What is important is that it's Christmas and you and I are in love and we ought to think of celebrating."

"It is important, Darl." Her voice was suddenly vibrant. "It's important to me to show you that you're wrong. I couldn't be happy with a man who had those ideas." And then, seeing the expression on his face, her tone softened. "Oh, I know it seems silly to you—quarreling about something so trite. But to me it isn't trite. Oh, Darl, let me show you how wrong you are!"

The streets were festive. Colored lights and greenery showed in every window. Lighted trees were on every street corner. Pam stopped the car while a group of carol singers trooped by. A girl with a tambourine thrust a smiling face against the coupe window. She dropped coins into it and smiled and said, "Merry Christmas."

They left the gaily lighted streets behind. Pam turned into a side

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street. She stopped before a house and sounded her horn. A moment later a small, middle-aged lady came bustling out. She carried a basket. Pam opened the door for her, and introduced Darl. Her name was Kimball.

"Well!" said the little lady. "This is nice. I suppose you're the young man to whom Miss Tripp is engaged."

"Yes, we're engaged," Darl said. He wondered what she had in the basket. She was so poorly dressed, so frail and appeared so undernourished. But there was a sparkle in her eyes.

But instead of driving back to the city, Pam drove across the railroad tracks and into the desolate, ill-lighted thoroughfares of Jaytown.

At last they stopped before a dilapidated tenement house. They entered a dark, cold hall, mounted stairs and rapped on a door. A weak voice bade them enter.

The room was warmer than the hall outside, lighted with a kerosene lamp. A woman lay in bed, a child cradled in her arms. Mrs. Kimball matter-of-factly stirred up the fire, produced candles and lighted them. Pamela straightened things in the room with surprising efficiency. The woman in the bed watched from hollow eyes while Mrs. Kimball unpacked her basket, set out a pitifully small supply of foodstuffs, some strings of popcorn, the green bough of a pine tree, an orange, two apples, a bottle of milk.

The sick woman's eyes were eager, grateful as the things appeared. In no time at all the pine bough was arranged on the table, the strings of popcorn draped over it, oranges placed at its base, two candles on either side.

Darl's forehead wrinkled. He saw the glow on Mrs. Kimball's face, the sparkle in her eyes. She was poor. She was doing all she could, and the woman in the bed knew this. She was giving back gratitude and warmth of feeling and love.

They left Mrs. Kimball and drove back to the city. They stopped near the park to listen to the carol singers. Pam looked at him. "Did it mean anything to you, Darl? Do you see what I mean?"

Darl thought of the woman in the bed and Mrs. Kimball. "It's a selfish motive," he thought. And aloud he said: "I never thought about it this way before, but isn't it nice we have such—selfish people as Mrs. Kimball and Pamela Tripp?"

Pamela nestled against his shoulder. "And Darl Holloway," she added.

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM MILAM COUNTY CHILDREN

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy nine years old. I wish you would bring a fountain pen, peans, candy, fruit and a baseball.
With love,
Leland Green, III.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Can you bring a basket ball, a doll house, some fruit and nuts?
Your friend,
Betty Holloway.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a quilted housecoat, a set of dishes, a pair of skates and a pony.
Sincerely yours,
Barbara Walton.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will bring me a pair of skates, a sewing set, and a bicycle. Santa, I am not going to ask for much this Christmas on account of the war. I hope you can remember and bring me a war bond or a stamp book with a lot of stamps with it, and I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Hazel Jean Cass

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a baseball, a bat, and a glove. I want a gun, too.
Your friend,
Billly Joe Halpain.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a rifle and a box of shells.
Your friends,
Milton Matyastik.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a commando hat, a bow and arrows and a puzzle. That is all.
Your friend,
Charles Kahler.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would appreciate having these things: A bed room suite, for a rubber doll, a stove, a volley ball, and a sink. Some candy nuts, and oranges. That is all I'm going to get this Christmas. I'm not going to ask for very much because everybody else wants soemthing too. Remember all the soldiers in the army.
Your friend,
Evelyn Whittington.

A FEW Gas Heaters. Green & Boedeker, Cameron. 6-4tc

WE HAVE MOVED

We have moved our store to the new location which has been under preparation on North Travis Street.

The new home gives us a better location and much needed additional facilities, including a modern store. Formal opening of our new business home will be held later.

GLASS, The Florist

To Our Friends and Patrons

When we look back over 1943 we realize how much we owe to friends for their share in the progress of our business.

When you come to share the joys of Christmas may you know how much we wish for you. In the New Year we trust that opportunity will come to serve you again.

We join in universal hope for Peace and the safe return of those who fight on the global fronts of this war. To them we send greetings and best wishes.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RICHTER'S TRANSFER CO.

PHONE 66. Cameron, Texas

To Our Friends and Patrons

Among the cherished remembrances of the Old Year is your Good Will. As we look forward to 1944 we feel that we will have our share again of the patronage which made our business a success.

In expressing our appreciation for wour consideration of us, we trust that Christmas may find you Happy and the New Year bring you Peace and Prsperity. We wish for our country Peace with complete Victory in 1944 and we trust that those who fight on the Global Fronts may have a safe return to their homes.

If all may have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we will indeed feel that all our wishes are gratified.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

Central Freight Lines

TOM WARDLOW, Manager. CAMERON, TEXAS

A Message to YOU

No matter how much we have sacrificed nor what the problems have been in 1943 we can all be happy when we think of Friends, loyal and true.

We enjoyed our share of your patronage and we are very grateful for all your favors. That you may know of our thanks we take this means of thanking you and to let the world know we have such friends.

We are thinking profoundly of the boys who are at the front since the shadow of war fell across our nation. We pledge in the New Year a day by day loyalty to them, to the things we must do in our own community; to be a better American and keep the Faith.

Our plant was improved and we are prepared to give you better service.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

CAPERTON'S

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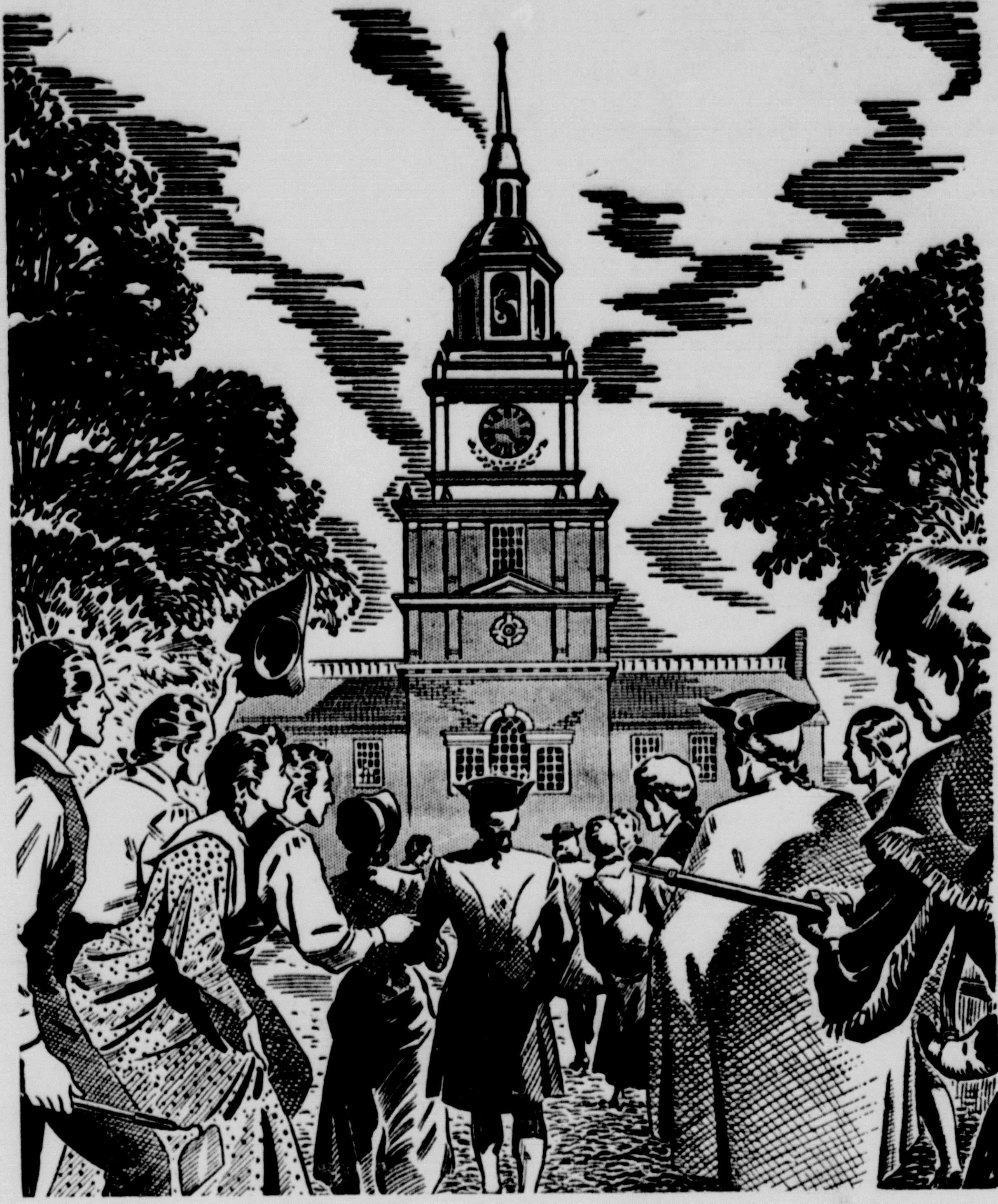

We Preserve OUR INDEPENDENCE by fighting for it!

A year ago, in expressing our appreciation for you and your friendship, we indulged the Hope for Better Days. Now that Christmas has come again and War still holds the people of Earth, we may not have realized in full the hope that Peace with Victory might come in 1943, but we are heatened by the tide of Victory which has begun to run in our favor.

We have seen our friends and loved ones go away to War—have seen this in other wars for this old Bank is a pioneer. Wherever our Friends may be today on the Global fronts, we send our Greetings and encompass them with Best Wishes for a Job Well Done and a Safe Return Home.

To the Homes where vacancies dot the circle of family, we send our Good Will and with Pride express the belief that no generation has seen better Americans.

FREE THE WORLD FOR LIBERTY

We preserve our Independence because we Fight for it. Here is the best heritage of Man for Freedon is the air we breathe. Whatever may be the sacrifice to maintain here in America the way of life that has not only made us a great people but inspired men of all nations in the world, we will gladly make. That Victory will be ours we know. Our concern at this Christmas Time is for those who do battle for us.

In a business sense the year 1943 brought us success. Time nor changing fortunes can not tear down a House built upon Confiedence and Good Will. May we have the privilege to sacrifice with you again in 1944 and may you be Happy Christmas and in the New Year realize every Good Fortune.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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